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Donate Life flag to fly over Town Hall

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Board of Selectmen unanimously voted on March 9 to approve the flying of the Donate Life flag over Town Hall in honor of April being National Organ Donor Month.

Michael Murphy was present to advocate for organ donation, and New England Donor Services.

"The flag reminds citizens they can help those in need of organ transplants and tissue transplants and they can save the lives of some, and improve the quality of other people," said Murphy.

Murphy stated that the number of available donors in the state has increased by 18 percent in recent years. Residents can choose to be a donor as they apply for their driver's license.

"The message of awareness is so important," said Murphy. "It's become a widespread practice among communities in Massachusetts."

Members of the board thanked Murphy for his

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New firefighters introduced to town

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Board of Selectmen welcomed the newest members of the Wilmington Fire Department on March 9.

"I want to acknowledge and thank — Chief Bill Cavanaugh's here, Deputy Chief Chris Pozzi is also here, I also see there's other firefighters in the room as well," said Bendel. "Thank you for being here."

"We are really, really pleased to welcome this newest crop of firefighters to this department," said Bendel. "I think it's the finest fire department in all of Massachusetts, in the Commonwealth."

Bendel noted that the department had responded to a fire earlier that day.

The new firefighters were introduced as Alexander Danis, Joseph Russell, George Boudreau, Jason Baker, Michael Feyler, Joseph Leverone, Meredith Welch, and Michael Silva.

"I hope everybody will join me in welcoming these firefighters to town," said Bendel.

Fire Chief Bill Cavanaugh noted that seven of the new

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Bare necessities

The face of a concerned Market Basket shopper in Wilmington. We are starting to see bare shelves.

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Colleges shut down to limit spread of COVID-19

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

Last week, the spring semester for many local college students was turned upside down, as various colleges and universities across the country have halted in-person classes and activities, and are ordering students to move off campus. This comes in response to COVID-19, as schools work to limit the virus' spread.

Students within both the Tewksbury and Wilmington communities find themselves unexpectedly displaced, ending their semester, and for seniors, their entire college experience social distancing from home.

College closures in Massachusetts were kicked off by Amherst College on March 9 urging students not to return to campus after spring break, as classes would occur online until further

notice. Harvard University led the effort in Boston, announcing on Tuesday March 10 that all remaining classes for the semester would be moved online, and students would be required to move off campus.

Several other schools in the city, such as Suffolk University, MIT, Berklee College of Music, Boston College, and Emerson College, announced similar plans shortly thereafter.

Although the majority of the schools share the same basic plans in moving classes online at least for the next few weeks, the specifics vary from school to school.

For example, some schools, such as Assumption College in Worcester, and Bridgewater State University have not permanently transitioned to online learning or have required students to move out at this time; they currently plan on resuming

on-campus classes at the beginning of April.

Other schools, such as Emerson College, gave students the option to decide whether or not to remain in their on-campus housing for the remainder of the semester. However, Emerson later decided it was in students' best interests to move off campus, requiring all to move out by March 21, unless permit-

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Social Distancing is the new normal . . . for now

By PAIGE IMPINK
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TEWKSBURY — During a phone call on Tuesday with Tewksbury's Health Director and the Town Crier, several issues that the department is dealing with in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic were discussed.

Information is changing multiple times per day, and the town is working quickly to keep pace. According to Susan Sawyer, for a period of time, control of issues surrounding social distancing were left

at the local level, but that all changed when Governor Charlie Baker gave the directive on March 15 that all bars and restaurants must move to a take-out operation or close, and banned gatherings of 25 people or more.

Sawyer said that her department has been on conference calls with the Department of Education and the State Health Commissioner in an attempt to discern how far reaching the measures are intended.

"There are many gray areas," Sawyer said. For example, as of this

writing, gyms and hair salons are not included, nor are daycare facilities. That may change by the time the paper goes to press, but Sawyer said she is receiving calls from the community with all kinds of questions.

"We are happy to be busy and want to keep people informed and safe, but people have to use common sense and social distancing is the number one way to keep transmission down," she said, echoing the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control.

Sawyer has reached out

to the Merrimack Valley Reserve Corps to answer phones if needed. The Board of Health is working with all other departments in the town, and on Monday, March 16, closed all town offices to the general public. The town has a list of ways that residents can access services via telephone or online, and these measures are a way to keep people safe and not exposed to others who may unwittingly be carrying the virus.

Sawyer said that the town departments are meeting every day to dis-

cuss events as they unfold. However, the last group meeting was held on Monday in the large meeting hall, with everyone keeping their distance. Meetings have now moved to teleconference, even within the same building. The health department, for its part, is suspending services to what is just considered essential.

"We have a COOP plan, Continuity of Operations Plan," said Sawyer, "and are able to answer questions for businesses as

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Wilmington, Tewksbury students on how the coronavirus has impacted the current school year

By CASEY STEVENSON
TMHS Intern

TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON — The coronavirus epidemic has swept the nation and caused the closure of Catholic churches, Disney Parks, restaurants, bars, and schools. In communities like Tewksbury and Wilmington, students and faculty are experiencing many changes to their school year.

Tewksbury and Wilmington are being closed until April 6.

One student from Tewksbury, who wishes to re-

main anonymous, and Sarah Cheney, a senior at Wilmington High School, offered insight on how the student life at Tewksbury Memorial High School and WHS has been impacted.

When asked how the pandemic began to affect their school communities as a student, Cheney elaborated on gossip and talk and how it, much like the virus, spreads fast.

"Word of the coronavirus reached me as a student pretty early, as it quickly became a topic of conversation in classes. We talked about the statis-

tics of it in chem and math class because of its relevance to those subjects, and joked about it at lunch. It was when the topic crept into my chorus class that I realized just how much the talk had taken over the school."

The student from Tewksbury had a more personal experience with COVID-19:

"The coronavirus began to affect me before I went on a February vacation trip and increased the second I got home from my trip."

How the pandemic has affected the school com-

munities has evolved as more restrictions and guidelines are imposed. Cheney reflected on how COVID-19 has grown before her eyes.

"The coronavirus has become more and more real. What started as a concept to us has morphed into something concerning enough to shut down school."

The TMHS student recalled their time out of school before the statewide shut down:

"The epidemic has only really affected me as I was forced to self-quarantine and caused me to

miss lots of school work."

In addition to lengthy school cancellations, many extracurricular events have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Cheney lists:

"Wilmington High School has cancelled Spring Fling, The WHS Talent Show, the March-A-Pella a capella show, the Culture Festival, the Pops Concert, and the April vacation trip to Europe. We have heard no word on prom, but we are worried."

The anonymous Tewksbury student expressed concerns for the seniors:

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Wilmington Library Notes

— by Christina Stewart



Check out Wilmington library's digital resources

Please note that all library programs have been cancelled through Friday, April 10. As everyone tries to take responsible steps for keeping safe and healthy and practice social distancing, this is a good time to check out the Wilmington Memorial Library's digital resources. Go to wilmlibrary.org/ download and check out the following:

- Overdrive — ebooks, audiobooks, movies, and magazines
- Hoopla — music, TV shows, movies, ebooks, audiobooks and comics
- Kanopy — stream clas-

sic movies, Indie hits, documentaries and more

- Freegal — download and keep up to five songs per week. Stream up to three hours of music per day.
- RB Digital — digital magazines and audiobooks.
- Tumblebook library — animated picture books, read-along chapter books and more.

You will need your Wilmington library card to use these digital resources. Please feel free to call the library at 978-658-2967 if you have any questions.



Chamber Music Bingo Bash

More than a "wee bit o' fun" was had by the 250 guests that attended the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce Music Bingo Bash on a recent Friday night at the Shriners. Great music, games, prizes, and dancing made for a fun St. Paddy's Day celebration and successful fundraiser for the Chamber. Congrats to our lucky games winners and much appreciation to our event sponsors: Bayberry at Emerald Court, Best Known Pest Control, Circle Health, Monteforte Law, and the Aleppo Shriners.

(Courtesy photo)

Town Scholarship Fund Committee authorized

WILMINGTON — The Town of Wilmington has authorized the establishment of the Town Scholarship Fund Committee. Through the municipal tax bills, taxpayers can voluntarily pledge an amount to the scholarship fund.

In addition, in the spring of 2011 the Luddy Weisberg and Lena Leiter student scholarship fund was established and, in the summer of 2018, the Irene M. Brennan Memorial Scholarship was established to be awarded annually to two Wilmington students pursuing their degree at Salem State University, first in the field of education, or to a Wilmington student attending Salem State University, regardless of major.

The purpose of these funds is to provide educational financial aid to deserving town residents who have been accepted to pursue education beyond the secondary school level at an accredited institution.

In addition to a residency requirement, the committee shall take into consideration financial need, character, scholastic record, involvement in the community, and extracurricular activities. Scholarship applications are available at Wilmington High School, 159 Church St., Wilmington; Shawsheen Vocational Tech, 100 Cook St., Billerica; Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington; Wilmington Public Library, Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington; and the Administration Office of the Wilmington Public Schools, 161 Church St., Wilmington, MA 01887 and online at <https://www.wpsk12.com/townscholarship>.

Deadline for filing application is Friday April 17, 2020 at 3:45 p.m.

Wilmington Middle School high honors, honor roll

Wilmington Middle School School Year: 2019-2020 Q2 Grade High Honors

Abdulla, Noor2025
Allen, Avery2024
Amakor, Tobechi2024
Anguioni, Juliana2024
Anthony, Lindsay2024
Arulraj, Jonas Samuel2026
Augustine, Lily-Grace2025
Bagtaz, Spencer2025
Balter, Ayden2025
Banevicius, Mantvydas2024
Barry, Emily2025
Blais, Audra2026
Bodine, Aaron2026
Bornstein, Jordan2026
Bottari, John2026
Bradley, Thomas2024
Brazell, Ian2026
Bresnahan, Shaylan2024
Broussard, Lindsay2026
Bryson, Hannah2024
Burns, Thomas2024
Cali, Megan2024
Callahan, Emma2026
Castelli, Andrew2024
Cavanaugh, Joseph2026
Ciampa, Dean2025
Cournoyer, Haley2025
Cronin, Jake2026
Cudia, Vijay2026

Cummings, Maria2024
D'Angelo, Alexander2026
D'Angelo, Sarah2026
De Los Reyes, Abigail2025
DeHart, Sophia2024
Deshnica, Adania2026
Dillon, Brianne2024
Dinitto, Ava2025
DiZoglio, Antonia2024
Doherty, Alison2024
Doherty, Emily2024
Doherty, Maevae2026
Dong, Ella2026
Dwyer, Colin2026
Dynam, Michael2024
Ebert, Brynne2025
Elliott, Robert2024
Erler, Alexandra2026
Farrell, Arianna2024
Fenton, Madison2025
Fitzgibbons, Gabriella2025
Fitzpatrick, Owen2026
Forcina, Charlotte2026
Fricia, Justin2026
Gandhi, Anuj2024
Ganley, Alissa2024
Gardner, Alicia2024
Gattineri, Nicholas2025
Gibbons, John2025
Glaser, Joseph2026
Grace, Dylan2026
Grace, Emily2024
Gray, Ryan2026
Gray, Sabrina2025
Greeley, Julia2026
Gryglik, Maddie2026
Hall, Allison2026
Hao, Katherine2025
Harper, Austin2024
Hassell, Abigail2024
Helbert, Zoey2026
Held, Annika2026
Ho, Christina2026
Huddleston, Bailey2026
Hughes, Rebecca2025
Hunt, Addyson2025
Jackson, Ian2024
Jenks, Cameron2025
Jenks, Caroline2024

Johar, Samar2024
Johnson, Grace2026
Jordan, Ronald2026
Karani, Siddharth2024
Kaszuba, Tyler2024
Keck, James2024
Kelley, Casey2026
Kelley, Kyla2024
Kennedy, Alex2024
Keohane, Emerson2024
Kiley, Jackson2026
Kitanov, Emily2024
Kulis, Sara2024
L'Esperance, Maxwell2026
Lambert, Clyde2024
Lanagan, Casey2025
Langone, Leah2026
Lanzi, Maya2026
Lauquidara, Andrew2025
Lavigne, Alexandra2024
LaVita, Sophia2024
Lewis, Thomas2025
Lohrman, Madison2026
Loshak, Veronika2025
MacDonald, Cathryn2026
MacKenzie, Lily2024
Mahoney, Alyssa2025
Maiella, Andrew2024
Mallajosyula, Srilasya2026
Mason, Kayla2025
Mastronardi, Charlie2026
Matzke, Amelia2025
McClymer, Emma2025
McConnell, Keilah2025
McLaughlin, Brady2025
McLean, Jake2024
McMahon, Maryellen2024
Mitchell, Abigail2025
Mitchell, Jaycee2024
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Moore, Adrienne2024
Murphy, Julia2025
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Olatilu, Giselle2026
Osgood, Mollie2024
Perault, Haylie2025
Phares, Christophe2026
Pitzen, Sofia2024
Plouffe, Sophia2026
Powers, Kurtis2025
Poyant, William2026
Pozzi, John2025
Pruslin, Kevin2026
Quintero, Alivia2026
Ramesh, Pravya2026
Raposa, Lorraina2025
Rasphoumy, Molly2024
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Richards, Elsa2024
Rooney, Charles2024
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Ryan, Grace2024
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Samaha, Avis2024
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Saragosa, Olivia2026
Shackelford, Kaitlyn2026
Shapiro, Marisol2025
Sivakumar, Vibhush2025
Smith, Christopher2026
Solari, Olivia2024
Soucy, Clare2026
Stoeva, Neda2024
Stryhalaleck, Mia2024
Sullivan, Keira2024
Sun, Derek2025
Tentindo, Sofia2026
Tibbetts, Cassandra2024
Tripathi, Sarthak2024
Turner, Kyra2025
Vindice, Celia2025
Viveiros, David2026
Vo, Priscilla2024
Walker, Justin2025
Wang, Katherine2025
Ware, Michael2025
Watson, Timothy2026
Wells, Kristal2026
White, Maeve2026
Winchell, Sadie2026
Wright, Rachel2024
Xavier, Emma2025
Yalcin, Adam2024

Young, Gianna2026
Zou, Alex2024

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Alworth, Emma2025
Andoni, Glenn2026
Antczak, Jake2026
Archer, Julia2024
Ashcraft, Jason2025
Avila, Adriana2026
Baker, Ashvin2025
Banda, Eric2026
Banda, Jake2026
Barrett, Shannon2026
Belanger, Ryan2026
Beltran, Elijah2025
Bentley, Logan2025
Bloom, Kiley2025
Bolanos, Samantha2026
Boston, Maximus2024
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by Todd Brisbois

THINGS TAXPAYERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE SHARING ECONOMY AND THEIR TAXES: — PART I —

From renting spare rooms and vacation homes to car rides or using a bike ... name a service and it's probably available through the sharing economy. Taxpayers who participate in the sharing economy can find helpful resources in the IRS Sharing Economy Tax Center on IRS.gov. It helps taxpayers understand how this activity affects their taxes. It also gives these taxpayers information to help them meet their tax obligations.

Here are two things taxpayers should know about how the sharing economy might affect their taxes:

The activity is taxable

Sharing economy activity is generally taxable. It is taxable even when:

- The activity is only part time
- The activity is something the taxpayer does on the side
- Payments are in cash
- The taxpayer receives an information return —like a Form 1099 or Form W2

Some expenses are deductible

Taxpayers who participate in the sharing economy may be able to deduct certain expenses. For example, taxpayers who use their cars for business may qualify to claim the standard mileage rate, which is 58 cents per mile for 2019.

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History:

After slaying his wife and twin daughters, Pearson confessed to an earlier murder

By LARZ F. NEILSON

When Martha Pearson's husband slipped into her bed on the night of April 10, 1849, she had no idea he was a murderer.

She had returned to the Pearson home on Andover Street with her two daughters 10 days earlier. She had been living in Boston, away from her husband, Daniel, working as a domestic. He had also been in Boston, working in a stable, though the couple had been apart for some time. Martha Pearson had filed papers to end their stormy marriage.

Daniel Pearson arrived at the Wilmington depot on Tuesday afternoon, April 10. He made his way to their home, some four miles away, a half mile from the Andover line. And then he waited.

His father was in the house, visiting with Martha and the girls, four-year-old twins. After his father left, about 9 p.m., he waited until Martha

had gone to bed. The door was locked, so he opened a window and slipped in. As he climbed into bed, he put a knife under the pillow.

On the morning of April 11, 1849, neighbors knew there was something wrong. It was 10 a.m. and the curtains were still drawn. The girls had not come outside to play, and nobody had seen their mother. Several people gathered outside the house, fearing the worst. However, nobody dared enter.

That is, until Jimmy Hale came up the road. He opened a back window and stepped inside. There in the bedroom, he found the bodies of Martha Pearson and her twin daughters, Lydia Jane and Sarah Ann, four years old, their throats cut. There was a shoe knife in Mrs. Pearson's hand, placed there as if to make the killing appear as a suicide.

Abiel Carter, local constable, found footprints in the sand nearby, with a peculiar cut in the sole of

one shoe. The tracks led to the Wilmington railroad depot. At the time, there was no depot in North Wilmington.

Selectman Lemuel Cobb Eames learned Daniel Pearson had been employed at a livery stable in Boston. He took the train to Boston, found Pearson, and implored him to accompany him to Wilmington to help with the investigation of the murders. Pearson consented.

When he and Eames alighted from the train, Eames had a constable waiting for them, and Pearson was put in handcuffs.

He said to Eames, Lem, if I'd known what you were doing, you'd have never left Boston.

Capt. Larz Neilson had written that Pearson's arrest took place some time after the murders, but that was probably based on Pearson's alibi claim that he'd been in Providence. Newspaper reports, though, show that he was arrested

on Thursday, the second day after the murders.

The Boston Transcript on Saturday, Apr. 14, 1849 reported that Pearson was arraigned in Reading on Friday before Justice Alfred A. Prescott. He was indicted and held for trial. The article also had a clue to Pearson's identity, saying that his father, Nathan, testified that he had been at the house on Tuesday night, and that all was well up to 9 p.m.

Abiel Holden, the station master, testified he had seen Pearson with scratches on his face and blood on his shirt sleeves.

Capt. Larz Neilson wrote that Pearson's birth was not in the Wilmington records. It is there, but only giving the father's name, Nathan. His mother is not listed, nor is the date of birth. However, Lydia Pearson, wife of Nathan, died on Oct. 20, 1847, at age 57, six months and 11 days. That information provides strong clues to her identity.

The only birth in Wilmington for anyone named Lydia about 1790 was Lydia Buck. The year doesn't quite match, but a 4 could have been read incorrectly as a 7. The month and day are exact, April 10, 1793.

Martha Pearson's maiden name was Martha B. Foster, formerly of Townsend, according to the *Boston Daily Mail* of April 16, 1849. There was also a daughter, Melissa, 13.

Daniel Pearson was tried, convicted and sentenced to death in 1850. The execution was carried out on July 26, 1850 in the East Cambridge jail. *The Boston Post* had a lengthy story about Pearson's last few days. At first, he seemed confused, but then confessed to the murders, though he refused to say why he did it. He was visited by his daughter, accompanied by her maternal grandfather.

As he approached the gallows, he held a Bible and was encouraging people to go to church.

Pearson was buried in Wilmington in an unmarked grave at the entrance to Wildwood Cemetery.

Four months before his execution, he had transferred ownership of the house to his attorneys,

Benjamin F. Butler and Josiah G. Abbott. Butler then conveyed his half to Abbott, who then sold it. The property transferred again and again in the next decade, but was usually vacant.

In 1885, Butler wrote a letter to the *Boston Globe* revealing that Pearson, while awaiting his execution, had confessed to a murder in Manchester, N.H. four years earlier.

Jonas L. Parker was a tavern owner and tax collector. He had gone to Saco, Maine with a large sum of money, to see about buying a hotel from Horace Wentworth. There was no deal.

However, after Parker was found with his throat slit, Wentworth was charged with complicity in the murder. Butler represented him. Franklin Pierce, later the President, defended other members of the Wentworth family. They were acquitted.

Butler wrote that he had never felt a need to talk about this as he believed there was nobody so foolish now as to believe that the Wentworths had anything to do with the murder. He wrote the letter at the request of Dr. Horace Wentworth.

Sheila Bissett honored by Chamber of Commerce with business legacy award

WILMINGTON — At their Music Bingo Bash on March 6, Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce Board Executives presented the 2020 Carmon Cunningham Business Legacy Award to Sheila Bissett, Building and Events Manager, at the

Aleppo Shriners for her business success and generosity to the community.

Nominations for the award were solicited from community business owners and residents. Here are a few excerpts from those nominations:

"Sheila, very quietly and

humbly, has been a steady and consistent supporter of the local and regional business community and the town. When space has been needed for events, carnivals, memorial services, etc. when no other locations were available, Sheila and the Shriners' generosity and

community spirit, have been instrumental in ensuring these activities continue. Wilmington's Fun of The Fourth celebration, as it exists today, may not even exist if Sheila and the Shriners had not stepped in to help keep it running during the years of the new HS construction."

"Sheila has served on the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for 15 years. She has been a key player in the Chamber's promotion and execution of major fundraising events and overall success. Sheila is a person you can always count on. She gives selflessly and will do so for anyone while never looking for praise or recognition."

"Sheila is so deserving of this award! Her kindness, generosity and compassion to someone she just meets, or has known her entire life is something everyone admires. Sheila's work ethic and can-do attitude is highly respected among her colleagues, fellow

Chamber members, and town officials."

About the Award

Before his untimely passing in 2016, Carmon Cunningham was the owner of the successful Cleaner Spot Dry Cleaners and Tailor at Wilmington Crossing. Carmon had been a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors for five years, serving as the President in 2013 and 2014. Carmon was also very involved in a host of community and business organizations and charitable endeavors and was very well liked and respected by all he interacted with.

The Carmon Cunningham Business Legacy Award is presented each year to an individual who (1) has achieved exceptional business success in his/her lifetime and (2) inspires, is innovative and makes an impact in Wil-

mington and Tewksbury communities, leaving a legacy of community and economic vitality for generations to come.

The award is given to a Chamber member who embodies similar characteristics of the late Carmon Cunningham. Therefore, the recipient must be encouraging, supportive, maintain a positive attitude and cheerful disposition, while bringing life and energy to the community. The recipient must also have an incredible work ethic and provide a positive atmosphere in the workplace.

Past recipients:

2017 — Carmon Cunningham, The Cleaner Spot Dry Cleaners (posthumously)

2018 — Michael Champoux, Winbrook

2019 — Rick Lowe, Tre-mezzo Ristorante



▲ The Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce recently honored Sheila Bissett (second from right) with its Carmon Cunningham Business Legacy Award. (Courtesy photo)

To limit spread of coronavirus (COVID-19)

State issues policies and procedures restricting visitors to nursing homes and rest homes

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration released policies restricting visitors to nursing homes and rest homes in order to protect older adults at higher risk for Coronavirus (COVID-19) and other respiratory illness. Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders, Department of Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel and their teams reviewed the guidance with long term care facility operators via teleconference.

This action follows Governor Charlie Baker's Tuesday declaration of a State of Emergency in Massachusetts that was ratified by the Public Health Council earlier today granting the Commissioner of Public Health with the authority to implement the Governor's State of Emergency.

With this authority, the Commissioner of Public Health issued an order requiring all facilities — nursing and rest homes — to actively screen all visitors and to take measures to restrict visitors under certain circumstances.

"Everyone has a role to play to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus outbreak in Massachusetts, and it's particularly important that we take precautions to keep older adults and those with health conditions safe," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This new guidance for long-term care facilities is critical to protecting older adults from COVID-19 and we appreciate the public's

willingness to observe these important rules for the foreseeable future."

"Today's actions are being taken to protect older adults that are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus and other respiratory diseases, as we have seen as its spread across the world, including the United States," said Secretary Marylou Sudders. "Massachusetts, as we all know has an aging population — with 20 percent of residents being over 60 — and so we needed to act to protect our older residents, especially those in long term care facilities."

"Our goal at DPH is to protect the health and well-being of all Massachusetts residents, especially those at highest risk for COVID-19," said Commissioner Monica Bharel, MD, MPH. "We will continue to update our guidance as this outbreak evolves."

This guidance outlines how these facilities should protect older adult residents, who are at higher risk for Coronavirus. The guidance includes the following restrictions:

- Banning visitors who show signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection (fever, cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat)

- Visitors will be prohibited if in the last 14 days they had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, are under investigation for COVID-19 or has been sick

- Visitors will be prohibited if they have travelled internationally in the last 14 days or are residing in a

community where community-based spread of COVID-19 is occurring

- Visitors will not be allowed to visit long term care facilities if they currently feel sick or exhibit symptoms

In addition to specific recommendations for long term care facilities, the administration updated its guidance to the general public, specifically urging older adults and those with health issues to avoid large crowds and events. Individuals who live in households with vulnerable people, like elderly parents, should also consider avoiding crowds to mitigate risk.

This guidance is posted on the Department of Public Health's website, www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus.

The public is reminded of steps to take to limit the spread of COVID-19:

- Cover your mouth — when you cough or sneeze use a tissue or your inner elbow, not your hands

- Wash your hands — with soap and warm water or use an alcohol-based sanitizing gel

- Stay home if you are sick — and avoid close contact with others

The administration will continue to update the public on further developments and individuals are encouraged to consult both the Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention websites for the most up to date information.

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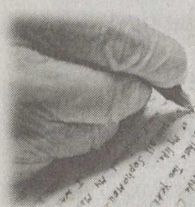
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OPINION



Letters to the editor

Update on Recreation Department programs

To the editor,

As I'm sure you are aware, the Town of Wilmington is acting with an abundance of caution as we confront the Coronavirus. I have attached the official notification from the Town of Wilmington.

The following programs /trips are CANCELLED:

- Adult Open Gym - remainder of program
- Archery for March 23 - April 27
- Villa Roma Trip of March 18 - 20
- Jersey Boys Trip of March 19
- Foxwoods Trip of March 31

The following programs will not take place over the next 30 days, but we hope to resume and/or reschedule:

- Kids Test Kitchen
- Volleyball
- Brunch Boss
- 35+ Basketball
- Pottery
- Sports 101
- Kinder Soccer
- Watch Me Play
- Viking Soccer
- Yoga Play

For programs operating outside of our schools, they are still being offered. We will let you know if there are any changes.

These include:

- Upholstery

- Solar Space Fleet Robot
- Signs by Design - "You Name It"
- Learn to Skate
- IronClad
- Yoga for the Full-Figured Woman
- Karate at the Academy of Traditional Karate
- Golf Lessons at the Bilerica Country Club
- Tap Dancing at Lorraine Spada
- Move & Tumble at Lorraine Spada

On a positive note, the weather has been great! We are going to offer the following programs outdoors instead of inside the schools (weather permitting):

- Beginner Tennis - Grades 3 - 5 and Adult - Shawsheen Outdoor Courts
- Pickleball (beginning March 23 and April 2) - Beginner, Novice and Intermediate - Pickleball Courts at Town Hall

We will continue to update everyone on any changes. We will send out e-mails to people registered in each program to notify of scheduling and refund options. Thank you for your patience as we try to maintain the safety of our residents.

Karen Campbell
Recreation Director

How to properly display the American flag

To the editor,

Just a friendly reminder how to properly display our United States of America Flag:

Display flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstays in the open. When a patriotic effect is desired the flag may be displayed 24-hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

When placed on a single staff or lanyard, place the U.S. Flag above all other flags.

When flags are displayed in a row, the U.S. flag goes to the observer's left. Flags of other nations are flown at same height. State and local flags are traditionally flown lower.

When used during a marching ceremony or parade with other flags, the U.S. Flag will be to the observer's left.

On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff. On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until noon and then raised.

When flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.

When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union (blue field of stars)

to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.

When placed on a podium the flag should be placed on the speaker's right or the staging area. Other flags should be placed to the left.

When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall (or other flat surface), the union (blue field of stars) should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left.

When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way — with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

When the flag is displayed on a car, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground. Also please take down your flag if it has become old, faded and tattered.

As always you can bring any old/used American Flags to the Department of Veterans Services, 141 Shawsheen Ave. for proper retirement.

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World health war rages on: many federal and state decisions made late

By PAUL ANDREWS

For many, this has been a strange week in that so many decisions had to be made by so many people as the coronavirus is "the" news in every home, business, store and school, as the United States braced for an unknown time of impact for a virus for which we have no vaccine. This follows on the existing flu season, which many choose not to be immunized, but most have taken the advice of physicians and medical alerts to do so.

I want to repeat what many have said that "it is still not too late to be vaccinated for the on-going flu."

The weekend in *Town Crier* land was similar to one several weeks ago as temperatures reached in- to the upper 60s and maybe even touched 70 around noon. All of our local area walking trails saw the same activity as a few weeks ago with parking spots at a premium.

Different feel in the air

Most of the walkers had a lot to talk about this weekend as for many their lives are changing for

some time. Schools have closed and many business operations are coming to a close or trying to figure out what they can do, as we see the feared spike of coronavirus heading up. Hospitals and public health facilities face a huge unknown but have been in the preparation stage with drills for some time on the handling of large emergencies.

The real issue, however, is that there is no experience that can adequately prepare you for such a crisis but the concerns that seem to exist so far have been two: the lack of solid decision-making at the federal and state levels and the adequacy of the medical equipment needed and expected for the next two to three weeks at least.

Someone or something has gone horribly wrong that we have not had enough supplies and test kits on hand.

While several question the lack of an existing effective vaccine, that can be understood in many ways but the lack of federal funding for labs to work on a vaccine is a horrible mistake when this has been proposed for several years.

The lack of testing kits in the states is beyond incredible. Public health is really so important and my belief is that we have not done enough in this area in the seriousness of purpose, staffing and obviously funding.

All pharmacy stores packed

Traveling the pharmacy route, I have not seen so many people in the lines to renew their prescriptions or make purchases for pharmacy-related products, not to mention the grocery stores that you have seen in television news programs. What was amazing to me was the number of people in the lines making sure they were the distance proposed by DPH as stated in the guidelines.

There was no push in the lines, as all were acting with patience knowing the nature of the current world we live and the weeks we face. Neighbors are already reaching out along with sons and daughters to older parents and grandparents to run errands and provide other assistance

More decisions coming

As I write this column on Sunday, I am fully aware of other shutdowns and decisions that will be made later today on this issue which could have been made much earlier.

JUST A NOTE — While life goes on, I am going to include a few Morning Pulse notes for your reflection over some difficult days ahead: Doctors turning to artificial intelligence to determine life expectancy; Financial Literacy empowers aging population in Japan; South Florida real estate brokers begin to feel impact of coronavirus; As stocks tumble, long term investors advised to sit tight; Oklahoma House unanimously passed cost of living adjustment for state retirees; Amazon tells employees in New York and New Jersey to work from home as coronavirus spreads; coronavirus could drive gas prices below \$2 a gallon and rock bottom interest rates may lead to higher mortgage fees.

MOST IMPORTANT-STAY SAFE — Feel free to contact me at andrews@massupt.org

Legal strategies for unsettling times

To the editor,

The threat of Coronavirus has caused tremendous anxiety for seniors and their loved ones. In the last few weeks, media pundits have recommended countless "to do" lists on how to prepare. Unfortunately, one vital planning strategy is rarely included on those "to do" lists. That strategy is to get your legal affairs in order.

It is especially important for seniors to create a roadmap for "what if" scenarios in the future, whether that may be Coronavirus or any other unexpected event.

If you cannot make your own healthcare decisions and you have not done your legal planning, or the planning you have is outdated or inadequate, your loved ones will be forced to pursue a Probate Court Guardianship. Waiting for the court to act, however, could impact your access to medical treatment or even your right to participate in available drug trials. Any unusual health decisions would require special court oversight and any objecting family member can grind the process to a halt. Moreover, going to court will be expensive and stressful for your loved ones — why put them through that?

Instead, sign a Health Care Proxy while you are well. Also, sign a HIPAA Authorization and Release so your decision makers have ready access to your medical records and information.

ation.

Consider signing a Living Will to clarify your end-of-life decision making wishes. This can protect you against family members who want to overrule the Health Care Proxy because they think they understand your wishes better.

We set clients up with an Emergency Medical ID card to carry in their wallet or purse. First responders and medical institutions can easily access their Health Care directives through the card any time of day, anywhere in the world. This ensures that in an emergency, your appointed agent — not a stranger — is the person calling the shots on your behalf.

You also have to plan ahead for the management of your financial affairs. No one will have authority to pay your bills, access your IRA or 401(k), or deal with your real estate unless you give them clear authority to do so in a Durable Power of Attorney (POA).

Beware that most POAs fail to include all the necessary authority to shield and protect your nest egg if you require long-term care, or to minimize estate taxes if you have a taxable estate. To get your POA done right, be sure that your attorney deals regularly with asset protection planning and/or estate tax planning. If you have no POA or your POA is inadequate, your loved

ones will be forced to pursue a costly, stressful Probate Court Conservatorship.

This is also an opportunity for you to check the beneficiaries on your life insurance, annuities, and other financial accounts and assets, as those beneficiaries may not reflect your current wishes. Note that your will or other Estate Planning documents will not override your beneficiary designations on these financial products.

Everyone should have a will so that upon your death, you — not the Commonwealth — determine where your assets pass. For many families, a trust may offer additional planning opportunities and protections.

Several local colleges have closed campuses, many concerts and large gatherings have been cancelled, and "social distancing" is becoming the new norm. For those who are anxious about visiting an attorney's office, a good attorney should be able to help you do much of the planning through telephone or video conferences on your mobile phone. Even an Estate Plan signing can be conducted with strategic preparations to minimize risks. By way of

example, our office implemented a detailed COVID-19 Prevention and Response Plan, which we update based upon ongoing CDC and other expert guidance.

While Estate Planning may not prevent a healthcare crisis, it can and will ensure that you control who makes decisions. It also prevents your loved ones being left with an expensive, stressful mess to fix in a tight timeframe. Getting your legal affairs in order today will give you the peace of mind that you have taken a tangible step to truly be prepared for an uncertain future.

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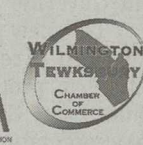
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~Recycling Tip of the Week~

Making Good Use of the Time

If you are using this time at home to clean drawers and closets, consider donating clean, good condition children's clothing to Catie's Closet in Dracut. Catie's provides clothing to the Lowell Public Schools and surrounding communities as a way to reduce absenteeism and boost self esteem so students feel good in school. Clothing for ages k-grade 12. Please only

clothing that your own children would be proud to wear.

CatieScloset.org

If you come across stained, torn or worn clothing or linens, put them in the Pink Bags and place next to your recycling toter on your recycling week. These items are kept out of our waste stream and used for industrial rags.

<https://simplerecycling.com/curbside-clothing-recycling/residents/>

Lowell General Hospital imposes visitor restrictions to protect patients, staff

LOWELL — Under guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and Lowell Department of Public Health (DPH), Lowell General Hospital is implementing several measures in an effort to protect patients and staff and limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Effectively immediately, visitors are limited to two per patient and must be 18 years or older. The hospital encourages members of the community to refrain from visiting the hospital or outpatient centers unless they have a scheduled appointment or urgent need.

They also strongly recommend that the following individuals do not visit the hospital unless the visit is essential:

- Individuals who have returned from travel to any country identified as having widespread local transmission of COVID-19.
- Individuals with upper respiratory tract symptoms, including fever and/or cough.

They encourage patients with fever, cough, or shortness of breath to call their doctor first before

coming in to the hospital, urgent care center, or doctor's office for care. Your primary care provider can often evaluate your symptoms over the phone and suggest a care plan.

If you have fever or respiratory symptoms such as cough or shortness of breath, and have either traveled internationally in the past 14 days or had close contact with someone who is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, please call your healthcare provider.

They urge everyone in the Greater Lowell community to do your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by washing your hands often, not touching your face, cleaning areas at that are frequently touched, covering your mouth when coughing with a tissue or coughing into your elbow, and staying home if you are sick.

Lowell General Hospital is well prepared to care for patients with this illness and to protect all other patients and their families, as well as our healthcare providers and staff. They will continue to closely follow the latest guidance from federal

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state Department of Public Health and will scale our COVID-19 response accordingly.

More up to date information regarding the visitor restriction policy and how to protect you and your family, visit www.lowell-general.org. For more information about the COVID-19 virus, visit www.mass.gov/covid19 or www.cdc.gov/covid19.

About Lowell General Hospital

Lowell General Hospital is a not-for-profit, community hospital serving the Greater Lowell area and surrounding communities. With two primary campuses located in Lowell, the hospital offers the latest state-of-the-art technology and a full range of medical and surgical services for patients, from newborns to seniors.

For more information about Lowell General Hospital and its services, visit lowellgeneral.org, follow on Twitter @LGHWELL and Like Lowell General Hospital on Facebook.

OBITUARY

William H. 'Bill' Little, Jr.

Family has chosen a private service

William H. "Bill" Little, Jr., age 78, of Wilmington, formerly of Warwick, RI, passed away on March 12, 2020.

Bill was the beloved husband of the late Fern Marcia (Hurd) Little, father of John Little of VT, Steven Little and his wife Mary Kate of Tewksbury and Peter Hurd & his wife Angel of Malden, grandfather of many loving grandchildren, cherished son of the late William H. and Dorothy M.

(Adams) Little, dear brother of Linda Little, Gail Lubanski both of Wilmington and Kathy and her husband Salvatore, uncle of Kristen Brown, the late James Lubanski, Robert Donahue, Denise and Lori.

Bill is also survived by many loving great nieces and nephews.

Due to concerns of the current situation with the Coronavirus; the Little family has decided to have a private service.



In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Bill's name may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Middlesex Sheriff's Office takes steps to address COVID-19 health concerns

(Eds. note: the following information comes courtesy of Middlesex Sheriff Peter Koutoujian)

As we address the evolving challenges of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to share information regarding the critical steps we are taking to manage the health and safety of all those held at, working in and visiting the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction.

1. As of 3 p.m. Friday, all non-attorney visits were suspended pending further notice. The decision to suspend visits was made based on current information available to the Middlesex Sheriff's Office.

2. In an effort to alleviate disruptions with visits, starting on Saturday, March 14, 2020 — and lasting until further notice — incarcerated individuals will be offered two free calls per week with a maximum call time of 15 minutes per calls. This is a first interim step as we work towards offering more calling opportunities. We are also aggressively exploring additional possible means of communication including video visitation and electronic messaging.

3. In consultation with internal and external me-

dical professionals, we have expanded the panel of questions we pose to those committed to our custody. These questions — which have been in place since March 4 — were added to our existing medical intake in an effort to identify individuals who may have symptoms of COVID-19 or who may have come in contact with those with lab confirmed cases. We have also implemented corresponding protocols should cases of concern arise, including notification and coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

4. We are also strongly encouraging attorneys wishing to meet with clients at the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction to consider utilizing non-contact space. Staff will be able to direct attorneys to the appropriate locations.

5. We have worked with the courts and other key stakeholders to expand the use of video conferencing for judicial appearances. This will significantly decrease travel outside the facility for officers and incarcerated individuals.

6. Programming (inclu-

ding religious services) provided by MSO staff and contractors will continue, however volunteer services will be temporarily suspended through March 22. This pause is intended to ensure that core services remain active while we evaluate future steps.

7. Additionally, we are encouraging individuals inside the facility to continue to follow CDC recommended steps for preventing the spread of the virus. This includes frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

8. We have also vigorously enhanced our efforts to clean and sanitize all MSO facilities and have increased the availability of necessary protective equipment and sanitizing products.

"As this situation evolves, we remain committed to working closely with our governmental and non-governmental partners to make certain our processes and protocols remain sound," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "The health and safety of our employees, incarcerated individuals and visitors is of paramount importance."

Davis, Trivedi named to Dean's List at U of Albany

ALBANY, N.Y. — The University at Albany has announced the Dean's List of Distinguished Students for the Fall 2019 semester.

In order to qualify for this distinction, students at the University at Albany must earn a grade

point average of 3.25 or higher during their first semester of study. In subsequent semesters of study, students must earn a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

The following students have been named to the University at Albany

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Updated COVID-19 information from reps, Senator

WILMINGTON — Representatives David Robertson, Kenneth Gordon and Tram Nguyen, and Senators Bruce Tarr and Barry Finegold have issued guidance and updates on the ongoing challenges caused by the COVID-19 virus.

"Precautions surrounding this virus will impact our daily lives for the foreseeable future," they said. "While the consequences will be impactful, for some more than others, your legislative delegation will continue to address these issues to help us get through this crisis in a safe and healthy manner, but we need everyone to be vigilant and help achieve that goal."

As of March 17, 2020 some 20 percent of people who had been tested for the virus received positive results. This does not mean that 20 percent of the population is infected — it means 20 percent who experienced symptoms or were in contact with the virus tested positive.

This is serious enough for the Governor, with the legislature's support, to order that dining and drinking on premises at restaurants had to cease, temporarily. The Governor ordered the temporary closure of schools, gyms and other areas people congregate.

The delegation asks constituents to do their part. Please help combat the spread of this virus by limiting your contacts in public, and disinfecting before interacting with anyone who is medically compromised or older as they are most at risk. If you are young, remember that even if you can recover from the illness — and even recover without feeling especially sick — you will spread this virus to others, including the elderly and vulnerable.

Please do your part and stay six feet from other people. Please do not congregate with more than 25 healthy people.

As of this writing, you should be aware of the following changes made by the administration that may affect you:

• The MBTA Commuter Rail will be operating on a reduced schedule to incorporate extra time needed for decontamination, as are the various subway lines. The bus routes and subway lines will be operating on Saturday sched-

ules. Route information for all forms of transit may be found at mbta.com/coronavirus;

• The administration has reached out to laboratories and universities to increase access to test kits and the labs that can analyze those tests. We expect the number of tests available to residents to increase quickly. While this will likely result in an increase in the number of positive tests, it is important to know what the state is facing;

• Telehealth has been expanded and is NOT limited to COVID-19 related cases, nor is it limited to MassHealth or private insurance cases. It includes mental health as well as physical health appointments. Please consult your provider. This is extremely important. You may not have to travel to the doctor for certain appointments;

• The Governor and legislature have made emergency loans immediately available to small businesses (50 employees or less) to compensate for lost revenue and sales. This is not limited to restaurants and bars, and includes certain non-profits. Information is available at <https://www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org/>;

• Governor Baker has filed emergency legislation on unemployment currently going through the Senate. This will waive the week waiting requirement and expand payments to include infection, quarantine, and loss of work due to COVID-19 related reasons. They are working to ease certain other restrictions on benefits, so that people who otherwise may not have qualified may do so now. They will make these changes known once they occur;

• The Department of Children and Families have begun operating a 24/7 Care and Custody question line for those fostering or sheltering children. Families with questions about care hearings, health insurance, and more should contact their case worker to find out departmental changes;

• Those with expiring licenses or learners permits up until April 30 are automatically approved for an extension. Vehicle registrations are not approved for extension however, and must be filed electronically;

• Those with family or

friends in corrections, all visits have been suspended. Phone calls up to 30 minutes will be allowed by inmates to home. Visitation suspension does not apply to lawyers; and

• Anyone who has trouble securing necessary medical equipment, or encounters a shortage at a pharmacy when seeking equipment for a preexisting condition should call the delegates' offices and report such a shortage. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency has infrastructure in place to help assist individuals and pharmacies facing shortages of needles and other medical equipment to those with preexisting conditions to ensure their health.

Finally, a word of caution. Health care providers may be quickly overwhelmed by people suffering from this virus. If you think that you are infected you should not go to an emergency room unless you are in imminent, extreme danger — such as you cannot breathe. If this is the case, when you or someone calls emergency services please let them know that you have symptoms consistent with the virus.

If you are developing symptoms but are not in absolute danger, the first call should be to your primary care physician. Your PCP will consult with the state experts and develop a treatment plan custom to you, while limiting contact you have with other folks and isolating you from other diseases, which can compound the effects of COVID-19.

Symptoms of the virus set in a period ranging from two to 14 days, and include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. In more critical cases confusion, bluish lips, and pain and pressure of the chest occur. These critical cases should be addressed immediately with a phone call to your PCP or other medical professional.

Legislative offices remain open via email and phone, and both branches have cooperated with the Governor in passing legislation to address both the health and economic well-being of you. Of course, this article will likely leave you with questions, so feel free to contact them at your convenience.

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Colleges impacted by coronavirus sending students home early

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ted by the school to stay in the case of "special circumstances."

The general feelings of students surrounding the transitions tend to be negative. The majority are sad to see the school year end so abruptly, leaving behind on-campus friends and seeing big events be cancelled. Senior students are faced with a dismal end to their college experiences, with athletes missing out on their final games and senior nights, and the occurrence of larger events, like graduation, are still in question.

However, despite the disappointment that comes with leaving campus, many students acknowledge that the schools are acting with students' best interests in mind.

"The situation stinks," said Salem State University Junior Liana Angelis. "But I think they're trying to handle this situation the best they can considering how abrupt this virus has come and

spread."

On-campus students are not the only ones affected by the recent changes; students in both domestic and international study programs have also been impacted. In most cases, these students have been sent home, with their internships or programs either terminated or continued online.

Sara Axson, a junior at the College of the Holy Cross, was interning at the United States Department of the Treasury in Washington D.C. this semester, before the program was cancelled for the remainder of the semester this week.

"Whether you are on campus or spending a semester abroad or away, seeing your experience end early is really sad," Axson said.

With new state regulations in place to slow down the spread of COVID-19, the actions taken by colleges and universities are viewed as well-justified, as they work in the best interest of greater public health.

People encouraged to become organ donors

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work.

"You're raising awareness for a very good cause, and one that doesn't get a lot of attention sometimes," said Selectman Jonathan Eaton.

"I think it's honorable, I think it's amazing, it's such an act of love for families who have to make that dif-

ficult decision," said Selectman Jomarie O'Mahony.

"The work you do is tremendous, that 18 percent increase is outstanding," said Selectman Kevin Cairra.

"It means a lot to a lot of folks, and you're making everybody aware of it, and it just goes to show the character of you as a human being," added Selectman Michael McCoy.



Two teams participated in the Chelmsford Destination Imagination tournament on March 8, 2020. Both teams are made up of students from Wilmington High School. Sam Juergens, Hayden Kane, Julia Stribley, Cara Wong, and Elizabeth Stokes were members of the Wilmington High School Destination Imagination team that won first place in their division at the Chelmsford DI tournament held on March 8, 2020. Michelle Kane and Lisa Stribley were team managers. (Courtesy photo)

Town meets the newest members of the Wilmington Fire Department

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firefighters were hired due to the town being selected to receive a SAFER grant. He also noted that all of the new hires were Wilmington residents.

"I'm very happy to have a bunch of guys and girls who grew up in the

town and see them giving back to the community," said Kavanaugh.

Other members of the board welcomed the new class.

"We hope to get you guys that substation sometime before you're considering retirement," said Selectman Jomarie O'Mahony.

"Best of luck to all of

you, thank you for your service to the town, we very much appreciate it," said Selectman Jonathan Eaton.

"I just want to say you folks are on the frontlines, you're in the trenches, and that means a lot. I know there's not a day goes by that people don't think of you," said Selectman Michael

McCoy.

"Thank you for your service, looking forward to seeing you out and about. I know the fire department does a lot of extra activities beyond just what you do inside that fire house," added Kevin Cairra.

The new class was scheduled to be sworn in on Friday, March 13.

Local students discuss impact of school closures going forward

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"My senior year of track is in danger of getting cancelled due to the coronavirus."

Events for Tewksbury that have been cancelled are the SATs hosted at the high school, out of state/international field trips, indoor town wide recreation events, and there are even talks/rumors of rescheduling junior prom.

Meanwhile, the start of spring sports have been postponed; however, there has been no word of cancellations or rescheduling of senior week, senior prom, April vacation, or senior project (where eligible seniors are able to take the fourth term off of school and pursue externships and research).

When it came to the school environment and atmosphere, the students had a lot to say.

"Discussions about coronavirus have been rampant throughout Wilmington High School. After looking at the statistics and seeing how small the risk of death is for our age group, people seemed to calm down a little bit. The day off on Thursday, March 12 came as a complete shock. The morning of March 12 was interesting for all of us. None of us have ever had a day off for anything like this, so nobody really knew what to do. Could we leave? Should we stay put and just watch the news? Can we go out for breakfast? It was a little strange," reported Cheney.

"The (TMHS) student body is on edge. There is certainly more anxiety among them."

Ever since the outbreak hit Italy, the coronavirus has been a big topic at TMHS, as some students and faculty had just returned from Italy, and had to undergo two days of self

quarantine from school two weeks later.

The two students were asked to give their input on the situation as a whole. Cheney elaborated on her position as a senior: "The school closures are particularly worrisome for the high school seniors. We all want to graduate on time."

"All seniors in Wilmington have either an internship or a project planned to take up the month of May instead of attending regular classes, and we do not yet know how these plans will be affected from having two weeks off."

"Another huge concern that I have, personally, is AP tests. If all school cancellations go as planned, students will miss eight hours and 24 minutes of class time for each class by the time we go back to school. This is a lot to self study, especially because we do not know if the College Board will push back the AP tests or keep them at a fixed date."

The TMHS student shared concerns for her family;

"I believe coronavirus is certainly an issue but it is not as bad as everyone is making it sound. My biggest concern is my great grandmother as she is 95 and in a nursing home"

Both schools have used alternative methods to combat COVID-19. Wilmington has, Cheney noted, "besides school cancellations, the school has closed down several of our large events. The administration has been careful in following the guidelines suggested by the Governor of Massachusetts and the Commissioner of Education. In addition, the administration has consistently emailed students and parents with updates."

Tewksbury has "implemented more hand sanitizers, deep cleaning, and the nurse is checking tem-

peratures for those who traveled (to Italy)."

When asked for predictions about what schools could do to combat the virus, both students had decent ideas on how to keep schools safe.

Cheney proposed: "If I had a say in how Wilmington Schools combat the virus after the cancellations, I would work on integrating students back into school safely. There should be an emphasis on keeping things as germ-free as possible going forward. No more water fountains. In addition, I think many students will come back from this time off a little distressed from the change in schedules, and I would want that to be addressed."

The Tewksbury student said, "I think schools should go online so students don't miss work."

The students were asked what they would do if they had the power to determine steps taken to combat the virus.

The TMHS student stated, "I would shut down absolutely everything and bleach it all."

Cheney argued an opposite viewpoint:

"I am not sure I agree with the state suggestion of closing down schools. The way I see it, schools are very contained and it is possible to limit interaction between groups and classes. While I am on the fence about school cancellations, I am definitely not happy with the assumption many people are making, saying that kids are gross and never wash their hands so we should keep them apart. This is a damaging mentality. Schools are meant to teach children, so teaching them to clean their desks or properly wash their hands to stay safe should not be considered so impossible."

Finally, a large part of influencing conversation in school environments comes from social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

When asked about how the internet has impacted their communities, the TMHS student said, "social media is absolutely insane. There are rumors spreading everywhere and I don't know what to believe and what not to believe. Facebook pages (groups) are causing people more anxiety than needed."

Cheney reflected on the fast rate that the tone towards this has shifted.

"It's crazy how one day

my social media was filled with jokes about the virus, and now is suddenly being filled with vast cancellations. It has been very helpful to get updates over the media and see a vari-

ety of opinions."

Both Tewksbury and Wilmington education is being affected by the virus, and both school communities are bracing to see how the impact evolves.



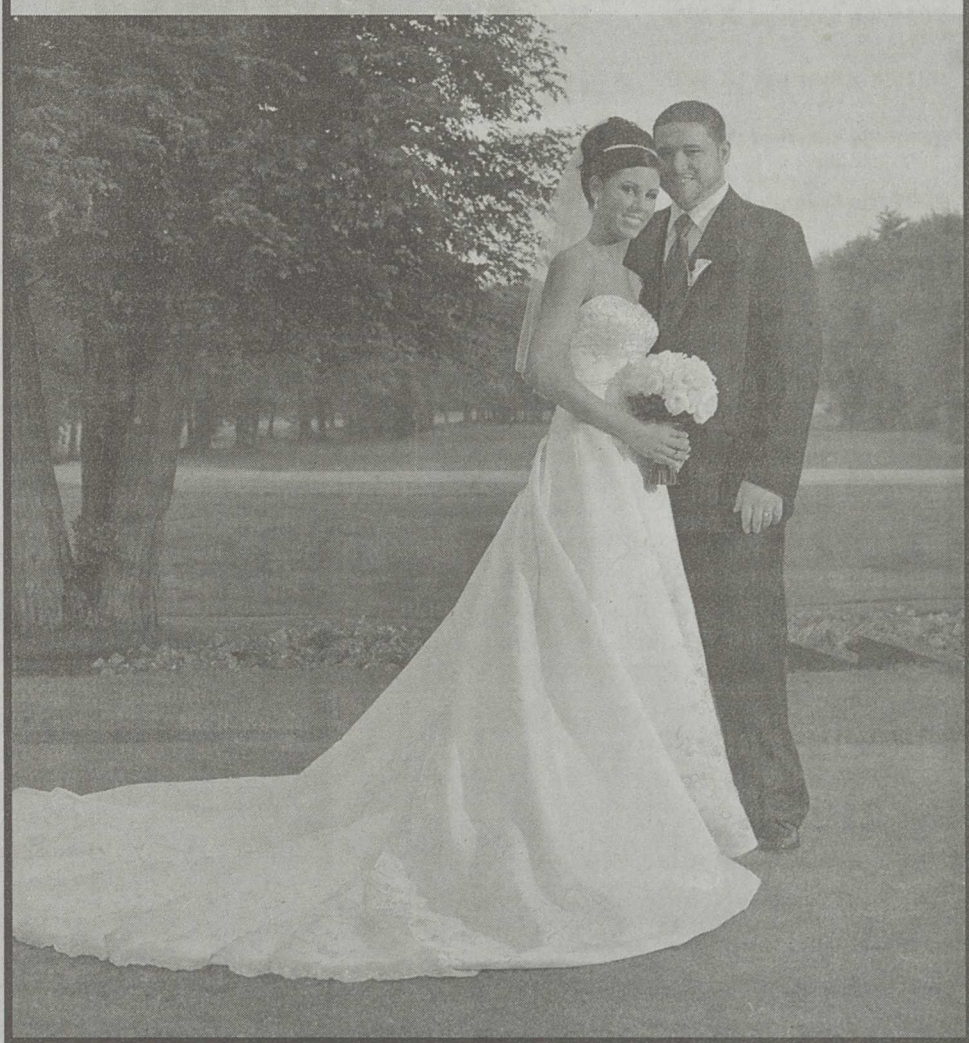
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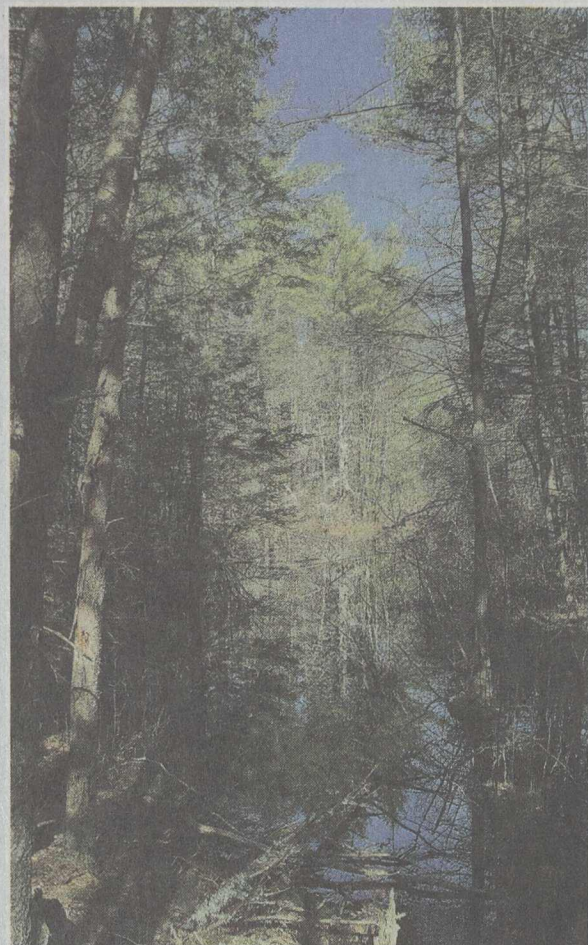
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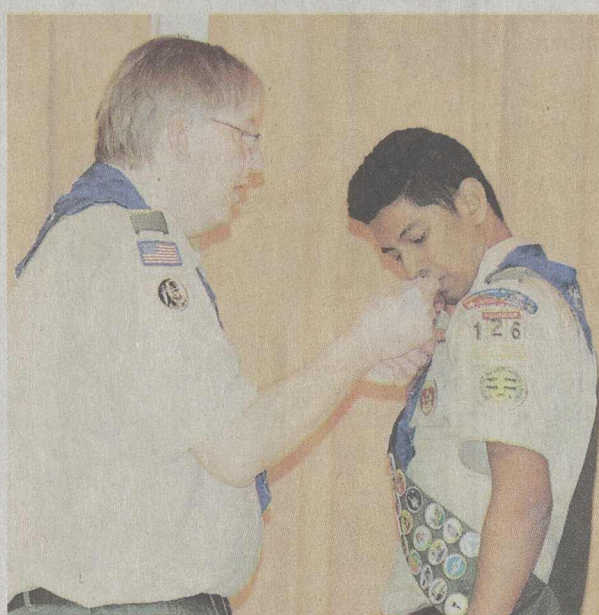
Respite from COVID-19 news

A beautiful and serene landscape on a Sunday afternoon in Harold Parker State Forest.
(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

▲ Prathik stands on stage with his proud parents.

► Prathik's former Scoutmaster, Joe Dancewicz, pins Prathik's Eagle award on his uniform.

(Courtesy photos)



► Prathik holds a special citation he received from the Commonwealth through Sen. Bruce Tarr's office.

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Residents urged to keep their distance

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we learn what the latest restrictions are."

One of the areas in question is senior living. There are some senior living developments in the community that have dining halls. Does the restriction on gatherings of 25 people or more apply to them? These are questions that Sawyer is seeking clarity about.

"We've had people call us about their family members in some of these buildings, but they are not as-

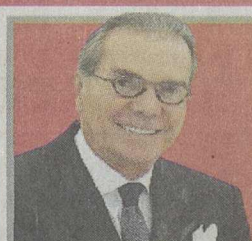
sisted living facilities, they are congregate housing," said Sawyer, who recommends keeping in touch with elderly family members.

Sawyer did say that some stores are offering a shopping hour for those over the age of 60. Stop & Shop made the announcement that they will be open from 6 - 7:30 a.m. for seniors so that they may shop in a less crowded environment and observe social distancing.

The federal government is suggesting people use

restaurant apps and order ahead, and even WGBH is planning to offer additional educational programming to help span the gap that is being left as children are kept out of school.

Sawyer does encourage anyone with questions to call the Health Department at 978-640-4470 and to look at the many online resources that the department has prepared at <https://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/health-department/pages/coronavirus-resources>.



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Division 1 Girls Hockey

Austin Prep and Woburn tabbed as Co-State Champions

By MARK NADEAU
Daily Times Chronicle

WOBURN — With each passing day, after the Woburn High girls' hockey team clinched a spot in the MIAA Div. 1 state final, it became increasingly apparent the game with Austin Prep was unlikely to happen, due to the precautions being made in response to the worldwide coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. So when the MIAA Board of Directors' decision not to play was announced, Thursday afternoon, and that both Woburn and Austin Prep would be declared co-champions, the Tanners were disappointed, but not shocked.

"I think the MIAA made the right decision; I don't think the games should have been played on Sunday," said Woburn coach Steve Kennedy, who would have been a head coach in the finals for the first time with the Tanners. "How things get handled from there can certainly be debated. Co-champs or no champs, either way, I think people can have their opinion on that."

Woburn had been on a mission for more than three months, diligently working most every day for the opportunity it had going into this past weekend, so the disappointment was real for the players and coaches.

"What's difficult about the situation is you've got 15 players who are really competitive, who work really hard and who want to see their season extend as long and as far as possible," said Kennedy. "When you win in the semifinals, the uncertainty around when your season could end goes away; you know how many practices you have left and you know when and where your final game will be."

"It's a real privilege and it's really hard to get there," he added. "In a very short time we switched into the mindset and then back out as uncertainty arose. Add into the equation the opportunity to play in the Garden, to face a really formidable opponent, to try and win a state championship, and you have kids who are naturally disappointed."

The Tanners, the fourth seed in Div. 1, finish the season with a 19-2-2 record, the Cougars finished 21-1-2.

The Cougars were led by five local players, including assistant captains Eryn Taber of Tewksbury and Felicia Zuccola of Wilmington, who were both defensemen. Taber just recently signed her National Letter of Intent to continue to play at the University of Southern



Austin Prep senior forward Felicia Zuccola, of Wilmington, cruises in front of the Braintree net during the team's state semi-final win over Braintree held two weeks ago. Unfortunately, Zuccola and the rest of her teammates didn't get to play at the TD Garden because of the coronavirus, and AP and Woburn were crowned as the Division 1 co-state champions. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Maine.

The other locals included starting goalie Lauryn Hanafin, a sophomore from Wilmington, and then junior forward Allie Martinson of Wilmington and sophomore forward Eamma Spengler of Tewksbury.

Kennedy added that having the two programs share the state championship title is a win-win for everyone.

"Over the last few days,

we have heard from a number of coaches, and individuals throughout the hockey world congratulating us and saying we were deserving of being state co-champions," said Kennedy. "I agree. I feel that our girls are absolutely deserving of that title."

While Austin Prep had the higher seed and the slightly better record, Woburn was heading into the final with the hottest

goalie in the tournament in senior Amanda Essigmann, who had allowed just one goal in four tournament games, and was set to make her second start in the final (she was the backup in 2017) after posting a shutout at the TD Garden in the 2018, a g a i n s t Methuen/Tewksbury.

The Tanners also had one of the most dynamic players in the state on offense with freshman Angelina DiGirolamo, who racked up 43 goals this season, including all four of her team's goals in Woburn's two previous tournament victories.

"The girls were ready to go," said Kennedy. "They have grown up together, many of them took their first strides together, on Woburn ice, wearing Woburn colors, and they were excited for the opportunity to represent their community, one last time, together as a team. Given the unprecedented circumstances and situation that we are facing, though, I think this is the way it has to, and should be."

With or without the final, Woburn had a most remarkable season. It was one that began with all sorts of intrigue, not only around the talented young twins, Angelina and Lucia DiGirolamo, but also the innovative

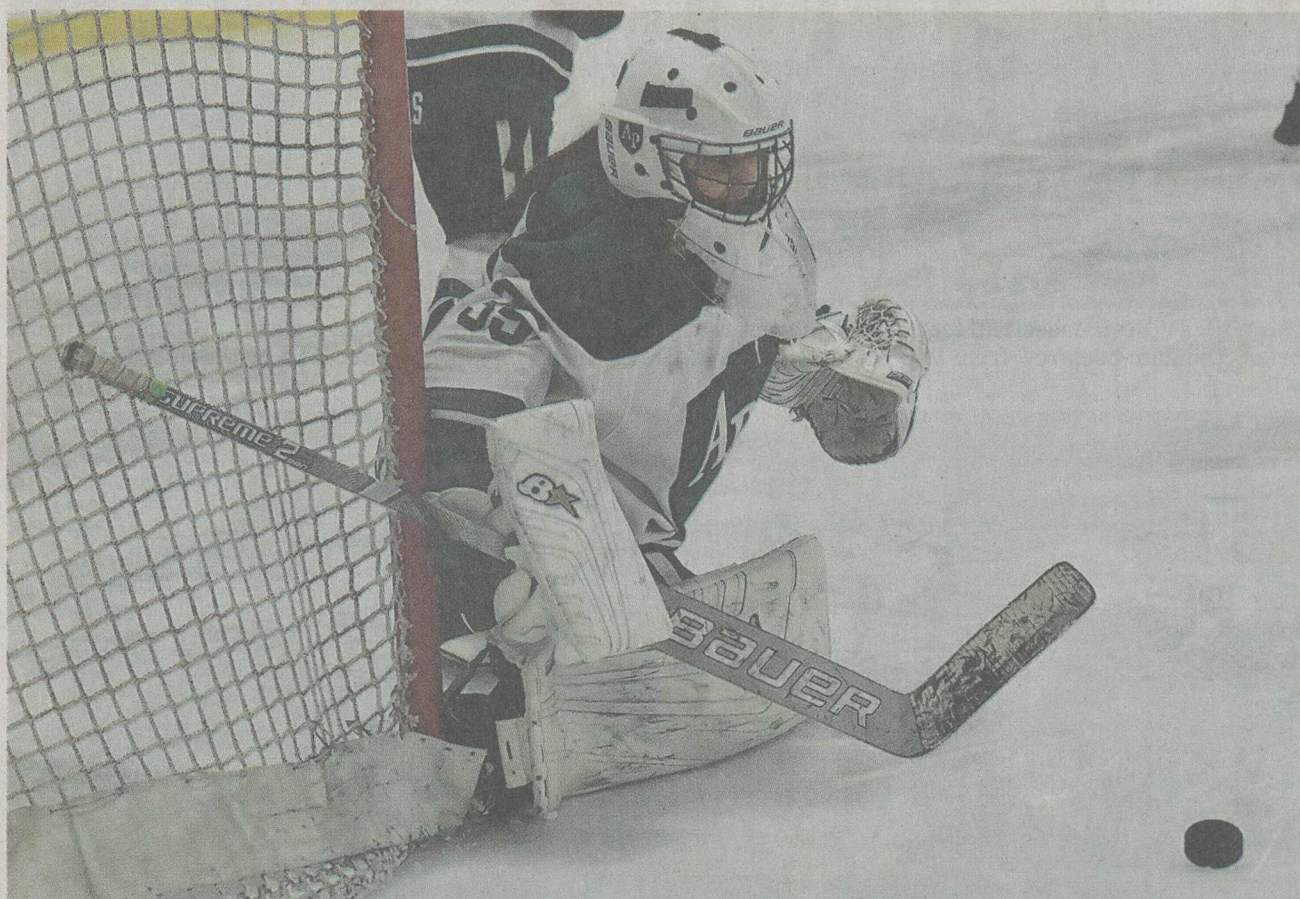
transformation of the defense. The team moved two of last year's first-line scorers, Jackie Lees and Lily Anderson, back to be the top pairing on defense.

The Tanners started out strong and got even better as the season progressed, sharing the Middlesex League Liberty title with Arlington, which lost in the Div. 1 quarterfinals to Braintree.

"The experience of this season in its entirety has been remarkable," said Kennedy. "The leadership of the seniors set the tone, the team gelled and developed a chemistry that made them want to play for each other. They had a lot of fun together on and off the ice, and those are the memories and accomplishments that really matter."

Woburn had the potential to return its entire offense for next year, but the DiGirolamo twins are now expected to be headed out of town to reportedly Selects Academy in Rochester, NY.

The defense will again have to be reconstructed with the coming graduation of Lees and the third member of the defensive trio, Erin McComiskey. Alyssa Wackrow, a sophomore this year, is expected to be the new Tanner goalie.



Wilmington resident Lauryn Hanafin, a sophomore at Austin Prep, made one of her saves in the team's win over Braintree in the state semi-final game held two weeks ago. She helped lead the team to the state championship game, which unfortunately will not be played. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

MIAA hopes to begin high school spring sports season, April 27

A press release by the MIAA Director Bill Gaine. The MIAA Board of Directors voted on March 16, 2020, to amend the start of the 2020 spring sports season in light of recent mandates from Governor Baker and recommendations from governing health agencies. The updated start date for the 2020 spring season is

April 27, 2020.

Additionally, the MIAA Board of Directors voted to have completion of regular season and tournament games by June 20, 2020 with consideration of June 21, 2020 for weather and facility needs.

Details regarding the structure of the spring season will be addressed by the Tournament

Management Committee (TMC). An update will be provided and reviewed by the Board by March 25, 2020.

These decisions are based on available information and are made in the best interest of our student-athletes, schools and communities. These decisions will be revisited and adjusted as needed.

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Wilmington High School Sub-Varsity Sports Teams season round-ups

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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It's impossible to tell what the future holds for the members of this season's Wilmington High Junior Varsity Hockey team in terms of their hockey careers, and where they will end up playing in the next few seasons. For many of them, if they keep improving a spot on the Wildcats varsity team seems very likely.

But regardless of what the future holds for this group of players, they have all already mastered some very important skills which can't be taught, as they have proven to be tremendously resilient group, as well as excellent teammates to each other.

This young group of players battled through a very difficult start to their season, but battled back to finish the season with a winning record, going 11-9-1 overall under the direction of sixth year head coach Colin Foley.

"We had a stretch of games where we lost six games in a row early in the year. We then responded later in the year with a seven game win streak," said Foley, a 2014 graduate of Wilmington High. "The team was down during the losing streak but I really took pride in that they didn't stay down or blame each other. They focused on practices and snapping the losing streak, everyone wanted to right the ship and play for each other."

The Wildcats maturity in dealing with the long losing streak was all the more impressive when you consider that the JV roster was made up largely of freshmen, with 13 first year players in all, to go along with six sophomores.

"I had a younger team this year, and I think it displayed early in the year when we went on the six game skid," Foley said. "I thought we fought in each game. Playing in the Middlesex League there is no easy team and every game you have to outwork your opponent. When you play teams of that caliber, you need to finish your opportunities when you have them. I had a good group of players who were passionate about the game, practiced hard, and played hard and the results showed more often than not."

"It was a very coachable group. You need your players to buy in and put the team before their individual accolades and I had a group of players who did so. As the season went on, they improved game from game. At the sub-varsity level, we always stress the importance of development and strengthening our weaknesses and less about wins and losses, more on getting better each day."

The entire team certainly did that, but there were a few members of the Wildcats who stood out among the team for their efforts this season, including what proved to be the Wildcats top line, the combination of sophomores Will Alworth, Nate Packer and Joey Cornish.

"Will is a hard-nosed player who is not afraid to go into the corners and does not shy away from contact. Will also has a strong shot and takes the puck to the net aggressively. He takes pride in beating other players to the puck," Foley said. "Nate works hard and plays both ends of the game. He is a crafty player with good skill and can score goals. Nate is not afraid to take the puck to the net and is just as much a playmaker as a goal scorer. Joey is a playmaker. He has a high hockey IQ and makes great decisions with the puck."

If those three players

dominated the front end for the Wildcats, they also some big contributions on the defensive end, in particular from sophomore defenseman/forward Tristan DiMeco and sophomore goalie Liam Crowley.

"Tristan was awesome this year in that he played both defense and forward. We needed somebody to step up and help out on defense this year and Tristan did just that, he helped out big time and put the team first," Foley said. "Liam had double duty this year as he was going back and forth between the varsity team and JV team due to injuries. Liam handled it all with a smile on his face. Liam is a good young goalie who is passionate about his game and has a bright future."

Several younger players also stepped up for the Wildcats, with freshmen Michael Daniels, Nathan Alberti, Brett Ebert, and Tyler Beals all having outstanding seasons.

"They are all freshmen who have great potential. They can all score, and play well together, you can see the chemistry when they are on the ice together," Foley said. "Daniels is a big, strong, forward who takes the puck to the net well. Ebert is fast, and hard on the puck, the type of player who never quits on the puck and is fearless. Alberti and Beals both are unselfish players who look to pass first."

Foley also had big words of praise for freshman defenseman Owen White.

"Owen was a rock star on defense for the JV team this year," Foley said. "Owen has speed, a strong shot, and good intuition, Owen moves the puck well and likes to jump up into the play."

Foley was pleased with the efforts of his entire roster, as he felt every player helped contribute to not only the team's success, but also their great character in not giving up when things weren't going well for the team.

"Will O'Shea, Michael Sullivan, Brian Barry, Ryan Bornstein, Alex Burns, James Caples, Justin Finnegan, Casey Robbins, Jason Sousa, Jacob Smith all contributed a lot and were valuable members to the team," Foley said. "This was a good group of players and I enjoyed coaching them."

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

While the Wilmington High Boys Varsity Basketball team faced its struggles this past season with a 2-18 record, they did have some young players on their roster who showed great potential for the future, offering promise of better days ahead.

That trend continued at the JV level for the Wildcats, as they battled to an 8-8 record under the direction of coach Pat Taylor, competing very well against some of the same Middlesex League foes that they hope to battle at the varsity level in the years to come.

Taylor, who is in his 4th year as coach of the JV squad, and his 12th year with the Wilmington Basketball program overall, liked the effort he saw from his young team, where every member of the team contributed to their success.

"I thought we played excellent this year. We got hit with some illnesses and injuries throughout the year, but the guys battled through and showed how physically and mentally tough they were," Taylor said. "We also had some guys get called up to the varsity team at various points in the season and guys on the team stepped up. We didn't skip a beat as we really took on the 'next guy up' approach."

Taylor really felt it was a



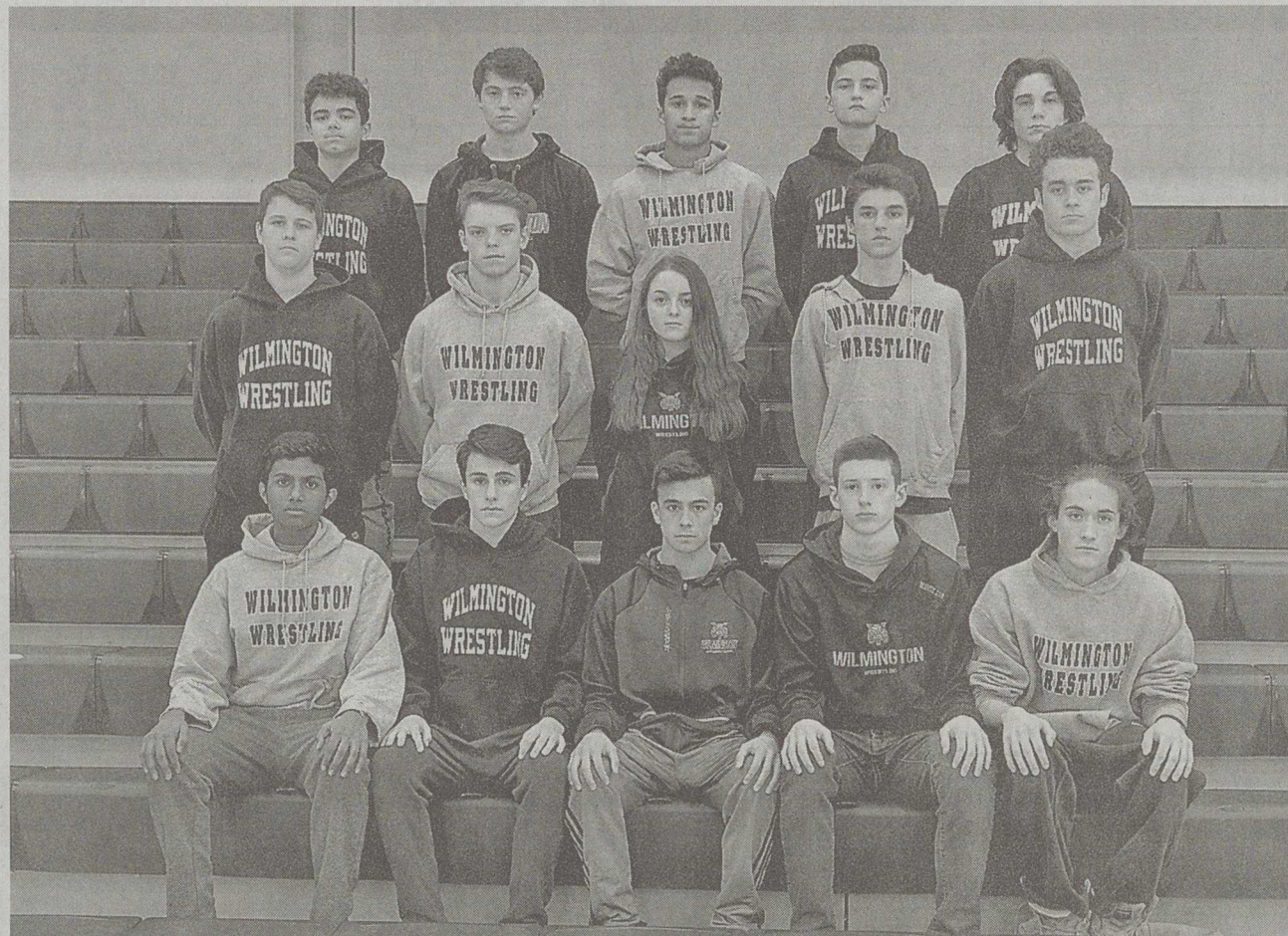
The WHS JV Hockey team includes top row from left, Brett Ebert, Ryan Bornstein, Justin Finnegan and Michael Sullivan; Middle row from left, Casey Robbins, Tristan DiMeco, Joey Cornish, Nathan Alberti, Tyler Beals and Jason Sousa; bottom row from left, Brian Barry, Alex Burns, James Caples, Will O'Shea and Jacob Smith. Missing from photo: Liam Crowley, Owen White, Michael Daniels, Nate Packer and Will Alworth.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras)



The WHS JV Boys Basketball team includes front row from left, Tyler Rourke, Michael Walsh, Joseph Dynan and Brian Duggan; back row from left, Alfonso Gambale, Gavin Erickson, Luke Murphy, and Nathaniel Rebinskas.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras)



The WHS Wrestling program recently finished up a successful season. Pictured above includes the entire program, Varsity and JV. The group includes front row from left: Sukethram Sivakumar, Joseph Ganley, Jacob Bernard, Ryan Martin, Camden Kenyon; middle from left, Joseph Kullman, Dylan Clerico, Team Manager Leah Paolillo, Luke Vitale, Marcello Misuraca; and back row from left, Gabe DaSilva, Shane Penney, Adam Lopez, Mark Donovan, and Ben Andrus Jr. Missing from photo Dean Nally.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras)

team effort for this group to battle their way to eight wins despite a sometimes depleted roster while facing some excellent competition. When asked to name a few players who stood out among the rest of the team, Taylor instead deferred to the effort that his entire team gave throughout the season.

"All the guys contributed at various points of the

season which is always great to see," Taylor said. "The guys really played to their strengths and worked well together. The cohesiveness of the group was really impressive and made my life a lot easier as the coach."

There were exceptions to the rule of course, as from time to time, one of the Wildcats talented players would simply take over a game and dominate. This

was especially evident in of the team's biggest wins of the year, when the Wildcats knocked off Woburn on February 11, by a score of 69-56 in a game where they were led by an amazing performance from sophomore Brian Duggan who poured in 43 points to lead Wilmington to the victory over the Tanners.

Duggan was outstanding from all over the court en

route to his big night, as he hit seven three pointers, while going 10-for-15 from the free throw line and hitting six two-point field goals.

"Any time you can beat a large school team in the Middlesex League as a small school, no matter the level, it feels good. We beat Woburn, Winchester and Reading during large

Wilmington High School Indoor Boys Track team's unofficial records

Recently, the coaching staff of the Wilmington High School Boys Indoor Track team put together what they believe are to be the top 10-performances by Wilmington athletes in each event dating back to the 1995-'96 season (listed below). The coaches are hoping these records are correct and are asking all alumni to let them know if any of the lists are incorrect, if they missed any records, and are also hoping to gather records from before the 1995 season. If you can assist in any way on that, contact coach Joe Patrone at hyjump230@gmail.com, or here at the Town Crier at: jamiapote@hotmail.com.

55-METER HURDLES

Name	Year	Time
Chris Calway	2000	8.39
Ben Rohleder	2015	8.45
Sam Vince	2019	8.58
Deven Langenfeld	2016	8.70
Jon Parella	2009	8.81
Pat Barry	2012	8.82
Sam Juergens	2020	8.92
Nathan Vince	2015	8.99
Nehemiah Camara	2020	8.99
Luke McInnis	2015	9.03

55-METER DASH

John Kenney	2018	6.66
Evan Sperlinga	2015	6.80
Matt Figuerido	2008	6.82
Dave Bell	2017	6.91
Mark Jepson	2001	6.92
Jeandre Abel	2020	6.94
Brad Aldrich	2016	6.97
Connor Townsend	2014	7.08
Isaac Avila	2020	7.09
Tony Nelson	2009	7.14
Joe Dumolin	2017	7.18

300-METERS

Mark Shibilis	2011	36.59
Evan Sperlinga	2016	36.82
Mark Jepson	2001	36.97
Peter Grasso	1999	37.00
Jeandre Abel	2020	37.50
Nate Downs	2010	37.56
Eric Russo	2007	37.78
Tom Hogan	2017	38.17
Eric Veator	1998	38.17
Kyle Souza	2014	38.19

600-METERS

Caleb Rogers	2010	1:23.60
Nate Downs	2011	1:24.50
Steve Halas	2012	1:25.33
Aidan McGrath	2020	1:25.78
Brian Elderd	2020	1:26.01
Sean Riley	2020	1:26.67
Brian Schell	2004	1:27.03
Jimmy DiNuccio	2008	1:27.45
Jake Danieli	2020	1:27.96
Colin Chase	2014	1:28.04
*Greg Young	1996	1:11.45 (yards)
*Greg Young (800)	1996	1:55.88 (yards)

1,000 METERS		
Steve Halas	2013	2:34.10
Sean Riley	2020	2:36.45
Jason Gustin	2003	2:39.36
Caleb Rogers	2008	2:40.05
David Swider	2012	2:42.06
Andrew Sears	2012	2:42.15
Pat O'Mahony	2020	2:42.23
Ray Russell	2017	2:42.25
Alex Pizzette	2014	2:43.09
Craig Smith	2014	2:43.66

1-MILE

Greg Adamek	2020	4:26.07
Christopher Murray	2005	4:30.30
Steve Halas	2013	4:34.28
Jared Walsh	2014	4:34.51
Owen Surrette	2020	4:36.05
Erik Alatalo	2013	4:40.66
Kevin Flaherty	2008	4:45.02
Jason Crecenzo	1999	4:46.92
Andrew Sears	2013	4:48.17
Ben Packer	2019	4:50.10

2-MILE

Matt Kacumburas	1999	9:55.75
Greg Adamek	2020	10:01.06
Zach Sears	2011	10:05.87
Ben Packer	2019	10:08.26
Dan Vassallo	2003	10:14.37
Erik Alatalo	2012	10:25.15
Joe Lydon	2020	10:32.48
Chris Maienza	2015	10:34.36
Tom Valente	2007	10:34.67
Owen Surrette	2020	10:36.38

4x50 RELAY

2013-14	23.21
2017-18	23.33
2019-20	23.35
2007-08	23.44
2000-01	23.48
2007-08	23.56
2015-16	23.87
2016-17	24.00
2005-06	24.07
2018-19	24.13

4x200 RELAY

2009-10	1:36.31
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2017-18	1:36.72
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WHS SubVarsity Sports
Teams season round-ups

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school play," Taylor said. "The Woburn game sticks out in my mind because of Brian's performance, which was completely electric."

Another late season game also stood out in Taylor's mind, despite the Wildcats coming up on the short end of the final score, as it seemed to show some of the ways the team had grown throughout the season.

"The last game of the year we ended up losing at home in overtime, but it sticks out as Tyler Rourke hit a buzzer beater three pointer to force overtime," Taylor said. "The kids executed a play we had not previously run flawlessly and even though we didn't win the game, it was a pretty good way to end the season."

The members of the Wilmington Boys Junior Varsity Basketball team, all of whom were sophomores were, Brian Duggan, Jake Dwyer, Liam Dwyer, Joseph Dynan, Gavin Erickson, Alfonso Gambale, Luke Murphy, Nathaniel Rebinskas, John Rhind, Edward Ricupero, Tyler Rourke and Michael Walsh.

BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

At the freshman level, wins were much harder to come by, as the Wilmington High Boys Freshman Basketball team struggled to an 0-15 record on the season. But far more important than wins and losses for the young Wildcats was that they continued to improve as the season went on, and they are prepared to climb up the ladder of the Wilmington Basketball program in the years to come.

Second year coach Chris Frissore would obviously had preferred to see his team experience the thrill of victory this season, but nevertheless he was pleased with the effort he got from his squad all season long, as well as with how much better they were at the end of the season than at the beginning.

"We had some trouble this season as the record shows. But these boys fought all the way through. It's not easy to lose like that. And often discouraging. But they came to practice and did their best," Frissore said.

"From game one to game ten we improved drastically. We started to understand the concept of team help defense. We turned the ball over less and started putting up a fight with some of these bigger schools. We did hit a lull however. We lost one of our ball handlers to injury, Jacob Rogue, and we seemed to start turning the ball over again. But regardless the offense improved and we got better day by day."

Frissore, a 2011 graduate of Wilmington High, who also coaches Freshman Baseball for the Wildcats, points to a game in the second half of the season as a prime example of just how much the Wildcats improved as the year went on.

The Wildcats squared off against Burlington in a rematch of their season opener against the Red Devils. In the season opener, the Wildcats had lost by over 20 points, but in the rematch, the gritty young squad gave Burlington all they could handle before dropping a 76-73 decision in double overtime.

Shea Price hit a game tying three pointer with time expiring at the end of regulation to send the Wildcats into the first over time. He then used his magic to hit basically the exact same shot to send the teams to double overtime. In the second overtime Jon Diplatzi had all 13 of the Wildcats points in a remarkable performance.

"Unfortunately, however a kid of Burlington hit an unguardable Steph Curry esq three-pointer to end the game from the logo," Frissore said. "This game was also really fun because we had a lot of trouble scoring the basketball this season. And that was one game it seemed like everything was falling and it was fun to watch."

Frissore sees several future members of the Wildcats varsity squad among his players, as long as they continue to work on their game and continue to improve.

"Jon Diplatzi was crucial for us. He scored over 30 points in the game against Burlington, and had many other good games," Frissore said. "Dillion McGrath really came on toward the end of



The WHS Freshman Boys Basketball team.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

the year. He went from playing like Jaylen Brown of last year and settling for the three, and started playing like Jaylen Brown of this year, attacking the hoop like he should. Jacob Rogue, Shea Price and Tommy Gargan. also had pretty stellar seasons. Eventually these boys will most likely be playing for varsity in a few years."

GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

The Wilmington High Girls Freshman Basketball team struggled out of the gate this season, as they dropped their first five games of the campaign. But the young squad, made up of just seven hard working players, battled back and started picking up some wins over the second half of the season, finishing at 4-12 overall.

More than wins and losses, however, the Wildcats showed great improvement through the course of the season under the direction of second year head coach C.J. Cann, with each of them not only showing promise for the future, but also showing the heart and determination that can make them successful in their basketball careers.

"I can be a bit wild and loud and wear my heart on my sleeve when coaching," Cann said. "Thankfully the girls

understood that it was my urge to improve them as players and people. I feel as if the girls, only seven total that were full-time, were incredible.

"They always came to practice and worked hard even when losses added up early in the year. They never pushed back or turned their backs on each other. They unified and became a team that was constantly competing in games. Going from double digit losses to single digit ones showed their improvement. They all have improved as players and I look forward to them getting better as players as they continue their high school careers."

That hard work finally resulted in a win for the Wildcats when they knocked off Winchester to work their way into the win column. Cann was proud of the way the Wildcats finished out the game to pick up that elusive first victory.

"That was obviously huge for our morale. I told the girls that even with the slow start to the season, it would come if we kept working, and they all did," Cann said. "The game was close for a while and I finally said to them before the fourth quarter, "How bad do you want this now?" They responded great and fought as a team. They earned this and the others after as well. The resiliency to fight on when things weren't always going great shows that this team has the heart and players to succeed in life and sports."

The team, which was actually not made up of exclusively freshmen, but rather a mixture of freshmen, sophomores and juniors, featured freshmen Lily Lake and Sloan McIntyre, sophomores Isabella Kieran, Medha Pal, Olivia Rogers and Faith Thacker-Benoit, along with junior Krista Gabaree. Each player played a key role for the Wildcats this season.

"Bella Kieran and Krista Gabaree did an amazing job in the middle of our offense as well as defense making sure we were scoring easy and grabbing boards. They have both improved a ton and it has been great to see as a coach," Cann said. "Faith, Olivia, and Medha also saw their minutes go up as well as their game becoming stronger. They have been with me for two years and I have always been proud of this core group."

"My two freshmen, Sloane and Lily stepped up big time in spots being able to come off the bench and be leaders at such a young age. I saw major upside for this whole team going forward as long as they keep working."

Cann also serves as an assistant with the Wildcats Girls Varsity team, who recently completed their great season with an overall record of 17-7, including a trip to

the sectional semifinals. Cann has plenty of coaching experience, having coached and played at Pope John High School previously, as well as coaching the Evolution Basketball AAU team for the past two years. But his experience in Wilmington this season, at all levels stood out for him as a career highlight.

"I would like to add that I was also blessed to be able to have such a great coaching staff around me at all levels," Cann said. "I am grateful for that as well as having senior girls who worked so hard, and I will never forget having them as players being an assistant on the varsity team."

WHS Track Records

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SPRINT MEDLEY	
2019-20	3:45.89
2017-18	3:53.27
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2012-13	3:57.36
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SHOT PUT		
Eli Jennings	2014	53-01
Nathan Clarkin	2008	48-11.50
Tyler Thomas	2019	46-08
Jon Weaver	2013	46-06.50
Nick Gorham	2017	44-11
Kyle Nelson	2016	43-00
Brian Mather	1999	42-10
Matt Dorothy	2003	42-06.50
Will Nieman	2005	42-05
Rob Rogers	2000	41-11

HIGH JUMP		
Nate Downs	2011	6-1
Chris Calway	2000	6-1
Wayne Huynh	2013	6-0
Ben Rohleder	2015	5-10
Mark Shibilila	2010	5-8.75
Pat Barry	2013	5-8
Sam Juergens	2020	5-8
Chris Patrone	2016	5-7
Jordan Olatilu	2017	5-6
Jared Peters	2009	5-6
Mike Golden	2000	5-6
Mike Carr	1999	5-6

LONG JUMP		
Jimmy DiNuccio	2009	20-05
Isaac Avila	2020	20-02.25
Mark Shibilila	2011	19-02
Tony Nelson	2009	19-00.25
Peter Marino	2017	18-10.50
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Connor Townsend	2014	18-06
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The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 7, 2020 at 8:15 p.m. in the Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #20-04 and Stormwater Management Permit #20-04, plan entitled, "Site Plan Review Documents, Gerrity Stone, 100 Eames Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887", dated March 12, 2020, prepared by Gregory R. Corcoran, P.L.S., Dana F. Perkins, 1057 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876; and Lawrence C. Greene, Jr., R.L.A. and Brian R. Marchetti, P.E., McCarty Engineering, Inc., 42 Jungle Road, Leominster, MA 01435; for the property located at 100 Eames Street and shown on Assessor's Map 38 Parcels 4 & 4C. The proposed project is to construct a 44,000 square foot commercial/industrial building with associated site improvements.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

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Crystal McCracken, Plaintiff
v.

Martin Harless, Jr., Defendant

To the above named Defendant:
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff seeking a Modification.

You are required to serve upon: **Crystal McCracken** - plaintiff - whose address is **31 Arlene Ave., Wilmington MA 01887**, your answer on or before **April 9, 2020**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at **Cambridge**.

Witness, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 27th day of February, 2020.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI20P1377EA

Estate of:

Gregory W. Staples
Date of Death: 1/13/2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Katherine A. Staples of Tewksbury MA.

Katherine A. Staples of Tewksbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

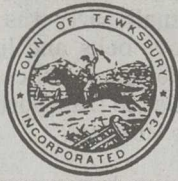
TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **March 26, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **American Outdoor Advertising Company MA LLC on behalf of p/8 Oliver 150 Dascomb LLC c/o AEW Capital Management**, for a variance from Section 5291 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaws to install an electronic message center sign/billboard as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at **150 Dascomb Road**, Assessor's Map 113, Lot 26 zoned Heavy Industrial.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice also available on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Robert Dugan, Chairman
200291 3/11,18/20

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 30, 2020 at 7:05 P.M.** at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **New Hampshire Signs on behalf of HEG 2221 Main Street LLC** for a Sign Special Permit to replace existing free standing sign and install LED fuel pricers as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **2221 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 96, Lot 47, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
200229 3/11,18/20

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **March 26, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Michael A. Sciarra on behalf of Michael A. Sciarra and Delia A. Sciarra** for a variance from Section 4130, Appendix B for side yard setbacks, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a 24' x 24' garage as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at **147 Bradford Road**, Assessor's Map 111, Lot 50 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice also available on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Robert Dugan, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI20P1325EA

Estate of:
Joseph W. Krugh
Date of Death: 11/6/2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Karen A. Collins of Tewksbury MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Karen A. Collins of Tewksbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT
MODIFICATION TO A
DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 30, 2020 at 7:15 P.M.** at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **David J. Plunkett, Esq. on behalf of Southern End Realty LLC** for a Modification to a Special Permit (SP2019-14) Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land 1428 & 1420 Andover Street to eliminate transfer of small triangular parcel from the parcel located at 1428 Andover Street to the H/O Association as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **1420 Andover Street (Naomi Way)**, Assessor's Map 39, Lot 10, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chair
200072 3/11,18/20

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION TO A
SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT

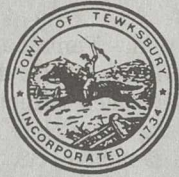
Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 30, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Arthur Cerullo on behalf of Cerullo Development, LLC** for a Modification to a Site Plan Special Permit to request changes to Condition No. 15 of the special permit as it relates to affordable housing as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **1325 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 60, Lot 69, zoned Commercial, Residential, Groundwater Protection District, and Village Mixed-Use Overlay.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chair
200244 3/11,18/20

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
ROADWAY RESURFACING
CONTRACT PW-20-16

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for **TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ROADWAY RESURFACING CONTRACT PW-20-16**, will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, **until 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 9, 2020** at that time and place Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. In the event the DPW offices are closed due to inclement weather, the bid opening will be postponed until the next day the DPW offices are open.

The total contract price of this contract shall consist of furnishing all labor, tools, equipment and materials necessary for the complete and satisfactory per-

formance as determined in the sole discretion of the Town.

A MassDOT pre-qualification certificate of approval will be required to bid on the Contract. Contract Documents are available after **1:00 p.m.** local time on **Thursday, March 12, 2020** by going to www.projectdog.com, entering **Project Code 837512** in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact www.projectdog.com or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, **but not obtained**, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a certified check, cashier's check or security bond in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid.

This contract has been written in conformance with the **Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES DATED 2020 Edition**. Additional supplemental speci-

cations have been added where applicable and will govern in the contract.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of 45 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the M.G.L. c.149, §26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid Opening to request, if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades' people who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract.

The Bidding and Award of this Contract will be pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30, § 39M. The Owner reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

RICHARD A. MONTUORI
TOWN MANAGER
TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
200315 3/18,25/20

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

Docket No. MI17P5589PM

In the matter of:
Josephine A. Linton
Of: **Tewksbury, MA**
Protected Person/ Disabled
Person/Respondent

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you

are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **1st** account(s) of Jeffrey Quinn of Waltham, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/30/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which

each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 02, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate.

200306 3/18/20

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Gerard A. Kulevich and Jessica M. Kulevich to First Franklin a division of Nat. City Bank of IN, dated July 21, 2005 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 19024, Page 262, subsequently assigned to First Franklin Financial Corporation by First Franklin, a Division of National City Bank of Indiana by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 20006, Page 90, subsequently assigned to National City Bank by First Franklin Financial Corporation by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 23152, Page 227 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on March 25, 2020 at 71 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon, situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot B on a plan entitled "Plan of Property surveyed for

Eldon H. Durkee, Wilmington, Mass." dated November 23, 1951, by AN. Eames, Surveyor, duly recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Plan Book 81, Plan 137 and bounded and described as follows: NORTH WESTERLY by Middlesex Avenue, Seventy-One and 78/100 (71.78) feet; NORTHERLY by the curve of said Middlesex Avenue and central Street, Thirty-One and 23/100 (31.23) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by Central Street, in two courses totaling Eighty-One and 28/100 (81.28) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Walsh, One Hundred (100) feet; and, SOUTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Nolan, Ninety-Seven and 10/100 (97.10) feet. Containing 9075 square feet of land more or less. For title see deed recorded prior hereto.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered.

The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank

Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
19-001899
200211 3/4,11,18/20



LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

Notice of Planning Board Hearing
Relative to
Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendments
Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, Section 5

The Planning Board of the Town of Tewksbury will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning By-Laws, as submitted for the May 4, 2020 and May 6, 2020 Annual Town Meeting. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: **Town of Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA**
Date: **Monday, April 13, 2020**
Time: **7:00 p.m.**

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations: Town Clerk's Office and Community Development Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA and the Town's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

Article

To recodify, and therefore amend, the Zoning By-Law to make the By-Law easier for users to navigate, simplify and update its language, and provide a better structure for predictability and flexibility in both the interests of current use and future adaptability, by:

1. Re-organizing, re-positioning, re-captioning, and re-numbering portions of the Zoning By-Law to enhance accessibility and adaptability;
2. updating and clarifying the purpose and authority of the Zoning By-Law to clearly state the Town's legal and factual premises for zoning regulations;
3. improving definitions to more clearly describe zoning districts, uses, and requirements;
4. providing consistency with present State law;
5. eliminating redundant or unnecessary provisions; making amendments such as correcting spelling and typographical errors, and eliminating or updating outdated statutory references;
6. revising, re-organizing and clarifying Zoning By-Law administrative provisions;
7. Reducing number of overlay districts;
8. Strengthening design guidelines in the Town Center District;
9. Adding new definitions;
10. Adding site plan review;
11. Adding request for reasonable accommodations;
12. Adding recreational marijuana establishments excluding retail;
13. Mandating 15% affordable housing in multi-family developments;
14. Capping multi-family developments to seven units per acre except in the Town Center and Mixed Use Business District; and
15. Updating the sign section of the By-Law.

and by taking the following actions:

1. Deleting in their entirety the following provisions and all their subparts of the existing Zoning By-Law:

Section 1000.	Purpose and Authority;
Section 2000.	Districts;
Section 3000.	Use Regulations;
Section 4000.	Dimensional Regulations;
Section 5000.	General Regulations;
Section 6000.	Special Regulations;
Section 7000.	Special Residential Regulations;
Section 8000.	Overlay Districts;
Section 9000.	Administration and Procedures;
Section 10000.	Definitions;
Appendix A.	Table of Use Regulations;
Appendix B.	Table of Dimensional Requirements
Appendix C.	Table of Parking Requirements.

2. Substituting the following provisions and their subparts in the zoning article submitted by the Zoning By-Law Committee on file in the office of the Town Clerk and the Department of Planning and Community Development:

Section 1	Purpose and Authority;
Section 2	Definitions;
Section 3	Administration and Enforcement;
Section 4	Establishment of Districts;
Section 5	District Regulations;
Section 6	Site Development Standards;
Section 7	Special Use Regulations;
Section 8	Other Development Regulations;
Appendix A	Table of Uses.

3. And by taking any action related thereto.

Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tewksbury Zoning Map dated January 2020 by replacing it with the Town of Tewksbury Draft Proposed Zoning Map dated 2020.

THE TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD
Stephen Johnson, Chair
200328 3/18,25/20



Tewksbury Police Log

Two charged with possession of class B drugs and receiving stolen property less than \$1,200

Monday, March 9

2 a.m. - Police out at Holiday Inn with two parties. The parties checked out OK.

11:52 a.m. - At Main Street, a male party called from the needs center reporting a missing female from the program. Police sent. The female was found further down Main Street. Officer filed a report.

1:12 p.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store for a hands free violation. Matthew Twardzik, 37, of 52 Lawrence Dr. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operating a motor vehicle with suspended license.

2:36 p.m. - There was a suspicious motor vehicle at Main Street parked in the parking lot for a few hours. Police sent. The caller called back to reported the vehicle left towards Wilmington. They spoke to the party and he was having his lunch.

5:19 p.m. - A 911 caller

reported a truck hit the pole and the truck rolled over at Cube Smart Self Storage. Police sent. Mark Sweeney, 47, of 78 Jean Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, OUI while license suspended for OUI, reckless operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Tuesday, March 10

12 p.m. - Police responded to a two shoplifters at Mark Basket. Steven Logue, 47, of 70 Tyngsboro Road in North Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing. Lauriann Feely, 46, of 70 Tyngsboro Road in North Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with third offense of shoplifting by concealing.

12:04 a.m. - Police out at Trull Road for a search warrant. Onix Figueroa, 44, of 58 Trull Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with possess to distribute class C drugs and possess to distribute class D drugs.

6:15 p.m. - Caller report-

ed a red pickup truck parked unoccupied in the area of Trull Road. Police sent. Vehicle was gone on arrival.

6:40 p.m. - 911 call for an erratic driver at Andover Street and Trull Road. Police sent. The operator checked out OK.

Wednesday, March 11

10:51 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Main Street and Route 495 South showing suspended license. Briana Correa, 31, of 251 Butman Road in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operating motor vehicle with license suspended and no inspection/ sticker.

8:59 p.m. - Someone was knocking at Astle Street at the back window. Police sent and spoke to the party. Then, police stopped a male party riding a moped in the area, but reported the party declined to speak with officers.

Thursday, March 12

1:53 a.m. - Police out at Whipple Road with a motor vehicle who was spee-

ding. Timothy Cruwys, 44, of 116 Third St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operating motor vehicle with license suspended and speeding in violation special regulation.

2:54 a.m. - Staff at Holiday Inn requested an officer to assist in removal of an unwanted party. Police sent. Sean Palmer, 31, of 348 Riverside St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and battery, willful and malicious destruction, and possess class B drugs.

6:53 a.m. - Police out at Shell Gas Station with a motor vehicle. James Broderick, 35, of 1360 Main St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with operation motor vehicle with license suspended and uninsured motor vehicle.

8:03 p.m. - Smaller white vehicle with New Hampshire plate occupied by one pulled up into the Fox Run Drive. Police sent, but the vehicle had left the area.

Friday, March 13

12:39 a.m. - Caller reported female party was ringing door bells and hiding at Astle Street. Police sent. Ambulance transported to Saints Hospital.

9:55 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 serving a warrant. Christian Ironfield, 44, of 24 Frank St. in Dracut, was arrested and charged with courtesy booking.

5:47 p.m. - A female shoplifter was loading bags of shrimp into bags in her shopping cart at Market Basket. Police sent. Shandel Sanes, 28, of 90 Cushing Ave. in Dorchester, was arrested and charged with two counts of shoplifting by asportation.

Saturday, March 14

12:32 p.m. - Caller reported she was staying at Motel 6 and claimed that she was a victim of threats. She received a threat on a recording on her cell phone from a male party to whom she does not know. Police sent to speak with the victim and filed a report.

Sunday, March 15

1:25 a.m. - Police reported a vehicle erratically driving at Route 495 south between exits 38 and 39. Police sent. Andrew Ricciardelli, 31, of 7 Bradford Road in Lynn, was arrested and charged with OUI

liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

4:09 a.m. - A 911 caller reported hearing what she believes was a gunshot that woke her up at Shawsheen Street. Police sent. Billerica Police Department had also several cruisers in the area. All areas were checked; no further shots were heard.

11:57 a.m. - Loss prevention reported a male shoplifter at Walmart. Alexander Bardash, 43, of 401 John St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with possession of counterfeit note, possession to distribute class B drugs, possess burglarious instrument, receiving stolen property less than \$1,200, and possession class B drugs. Preston Mitchell, 49, of 12 Terrie Lane in Holden, was arrested and charged with possession to distribute class B drugs, possess burglarious instrument, receiving stolen property less than \$1,200, shoplifting by concealing, possession class B drugs, and operating motor vehicle with license suspended.

7:29 p.m. - Female caller reported an erratic driver at Shawsheen Street and Main Street. Police sent. Susan Donovan, 52, of 15 William Road in Billerica, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor and negligent operation of motor vehicle.



Wilmington Police Log

New Hampshire man allegedly caught driving stolen car

Friday, March 6:

2:06 p.m.: Police found a damaged gate on the ground on Andover Street. It was unclear if it was hit by a car. The area was checked and no other damage was found.

7:21 a.m.: Animal Control removed a deceased skunk from the road on Chestnut Street.

4:01 p.m.: The Fire Department assisted with a reported smell of propane at a Ballardvale Street residence.

Saturday, March 7:

10:55 a.m.: A recycling bin was reported stolen on Arlene Avenue.

11:26 a.m.: Multiple houses on Davis Road were egged overnight.

5:18 p.m.: Police notified Verizon about downed wires on Cunningham Street. The wires were not a hazard, but this was the second time Verizon had been notified about them.

Sunday, March 8:

11:44 a.m.: Police re-

sponded to a report of an injured fox in a yard on Corey Avenue. The fox hid under a shed on the property and the officer was unable to get at it.

3:22 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred in the high school parking lot on Church Street. A Ford F-250 and an Infiniti QX60 were involved. No one was injured and the vehicles did not deploy their airbags.

Monday, March 9:

12:13 p.m.: The owner of a Kia Soul reported that

his car's tires were slashed about a month before in the parking lot of Lucchi's on Lowell Street.

1:20 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Honda CR-V and a Toyota Celica. No injuries were reported.

2:45 p.m.: A Kia Optima and a Ford E-250 were in a collision in a Main Street parking lot. No one was injured.

10:45 p.m.: A Hyundai Sonata hit a pole on Eames Street. The driver was picked up by a friend and did not need medical attention.

10:49 p.m.: Kevin LaCrosse, 61, of 47 Willow Creek Dr. in Hudson, New Hampshire was arrested after driving a vehicle stolen in Lowell into several trash

barrels and a wall. He was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operating a vehicle with a suspended license, leaving the scene of property damage, possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle, and receiving a stolen vehicle. While in his cell, his several injuries were evaluated by medics.

Tuesday, March 10:

6:33 a.m.: An International truck was in a collision with a Ford Escape at the intersection of Salem Street and Cunningham Street. No one was injured.

3:07 p.m.: Police assisted the Fire Department with a low-hanging wire on Main Street until the Reading Light Department arrived.

Wednesday, March 11:

11 a.m.: The Department of Public Works found between \$3,000 and \$5,000 worth of damage to the fence at the skate park on Shawsheen Avenue. Most of the fence needed to be replaced.

3:30 p.m.: Police assisted the Fire Department with cleaning up a bag of insecticide that was spilled onto Shawsheen Avenue by the Shawsheen School.

Thursday, March 12:

7:09 a.m.: Animal Control disposed of a deceased opossum by the intersection of Church Street and Central Street.

4:44 p.m.: A Nissan Juke and a Nissan Kicks were in a collision on I-93. One of the drivers left the scene but later turned himself in with state police.

6:08 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred by Elia's on Middlesex Avenue involving a Hyundai Elantra and a Chrysler 200.

10:21 p.m.: A tree on Congress Street snapped and fell onto electrical wires, snapping the top off of the connected pole before coming to rest supported by the wires. Power had to be cut off to the area, the street was entirely blocked by the tree and debris, and the Water Department had to be called in due to damage to a fire hydrant.

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Turner, Beckman named to Dean's List at Champlain

BURLINGTON, VT — Jessica Turner of Wilmington has been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester.

Noah Beckman of Tewksbury has been named to the Champlain College

Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester.

Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester.

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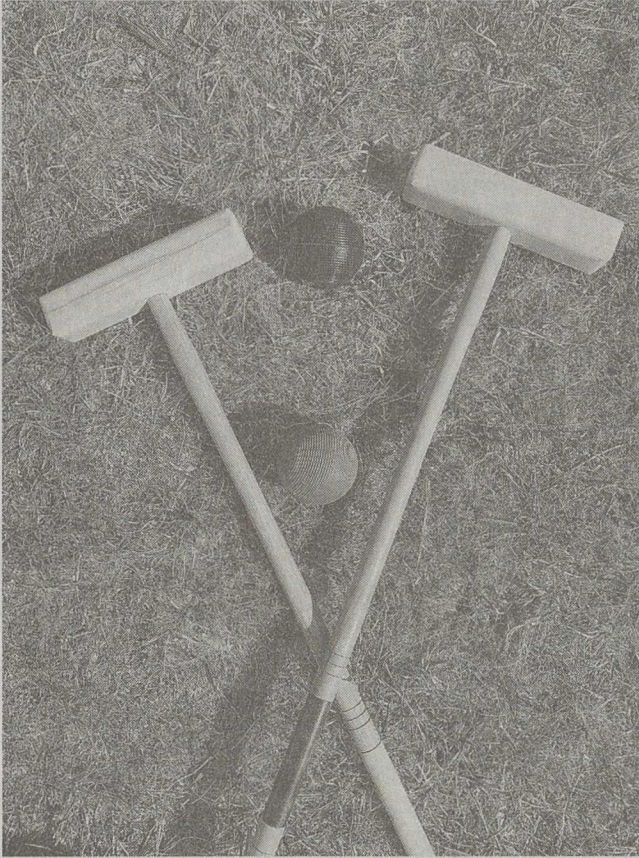
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What to do when you're stuck at home



▲ Croquet

(Heather Burns photos)

▼ Now is the perfect time to do spring yard clean up with the family.

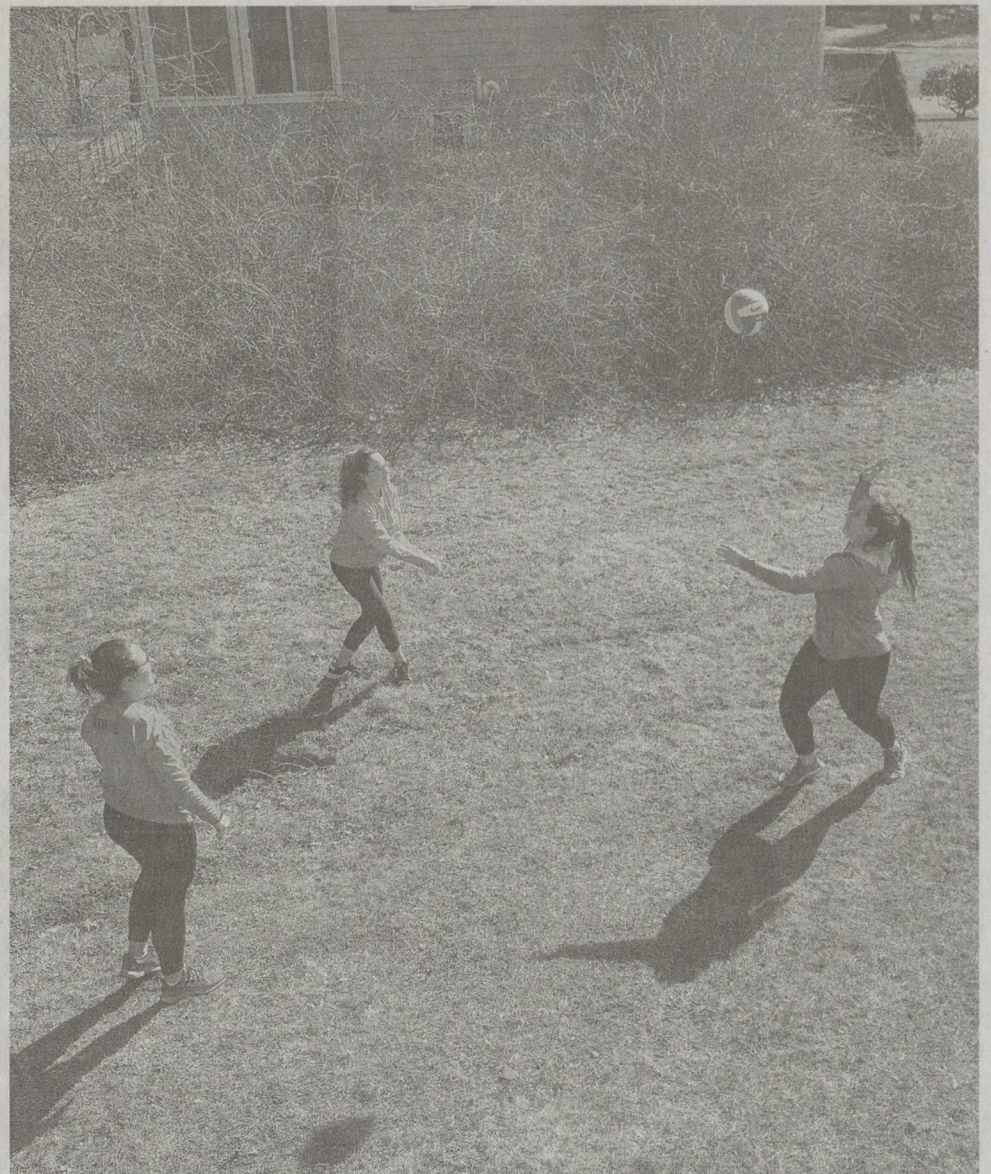
By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

With the recent health threat of COVID-19, there have been school cancellations, work from home orders and cancelation of all town and school sports activities.

Most private gyms have been closed, as well as tennis clubs and indoor sport complexes.

The Town of Tewksbury recently announced that all town facilities have been closed to the public. This includes using outdoor areas on the TMHS campus, like the track, soccer and ball fields, and tennis courts.

According to the CDC, the best way to avoid contracting COVID-19 is to avoid contamination from others, wash hands and common areas thoroughly, and keep your immune system working properly by eating right, getting plenty



▲ A game of volleyball fills the bill for much-needed exercise

of rest, and exercising regularly.

Many of us are left wondering how to get our recommended one hour a day of exercise for our family when we are sheltering in place, with no access to our normal exercise regimens.

There are actually many activities you can do at home that can serve double duty by providing much needed exercise and quality family bonding time.

Go for a scheduled walk everyday. First thing in the morning, after lunch, or before dinnertime, it doesn't matter, as long as you add it to your daily schedule so it becomes a habit.

Toddlers to grandparents can reap the benefits of a good walk, and the family dog is a welcome addition to this exercise regimen.

When walking with smaller children, play a game of visual scavenger hunt, looking for the bird in the tree, the cat in the window, a black mailbox with the flag up, or an American flag. This will keep little minds occupied, and keep the complaints of boredom to a minimum.

Disco Night at home is a fun way to exercise and bridge the generation gap. Have everyone in the family pick out their favorite dance music, then have fun as the younger generation teaches mom and dad the latest dance moves. Parents can show kids how they danced in the 70's, 80's or whatever era they call their own.

Mom can get much needed help around the house by making games out of chores. Have a race to see who can get the most

rooms in the house dusted first. (Of course they will have to pass the white glove test before you declare a winner!)

With smaller children, have a race to pick up the toys, or play a laundry game of "Whose Clothes are These?" The children can deliver folded clothes to the proper room or closet. Whoever gets the most clothes in the right spot will win.

To liven up couch-potato time in front of the television, turn TV commercial breaks into a mini exercise class. As soon as a commercial starts, get on the floor to see who can do the most sit ups, push ups, jumping jacks, or laps around the coffee table until the commercial break is over. Switch up the activity for each commercial break by pulling the activity name out of a hat. Keep track of everyone's score, then tally them up at the end of the show and announce the winner.

Have a weekly backyard sports night. Play a basketball game in the driveway, a game of catch, or have a volleyball or soccer game in the backyard.

Try going "old school," reverting back to backyard games when you were a kid. Have a relay race or a game of box ball. Even schoolyard favorites like jump rope and hopscotch can be a good form of exercise.

You will find that old standby games like horseshoes, badminton, and croquet still stand the test of time, making for a fun evening for all.

Early spring is the per-

fect time to enlist the kids in some yard work. Raking leftover fall leaves, picking up broken branches, or turning over the soil in garden beds is great exercise.

Competition always seems to be a good motivator in our house. Compete to see who collects the most branches or leaves, that way the kids will have a winner, and you will be a winner when all of your yard work is completed!

Set up an obstacle course in your driveway for the kids to maneuver their bikes around. If you don't have the driveway space, set one up in the backyard for the kids to run through. Use empty water jugs, cardboard boxes, and laundry baskets as different markers that will challenge different skill sets.

Time each child as they go through the course, allowing them multiple turns to try and improve their score.

Please take comfort in the fact that we are all in this together, and we will persevere.

Replace knee-jerk panic with well thought out plans of how to best make it through the next few weeks by following guidelines set by the CDC.

Participating in these easy and fun activities at home can provide much needed exercise, help relieve stress, and provide quality time spent as a family unit.

For more information on how to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 visit www.cdc.gov.



Estabrook Woods, a good place for a relaxing hike

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COVID-19 is pushing us all to find ways to stay sane during the social distancing and recommended shut downs. Since we'll be home for the next three weeks at least, I am committing to get my family out for a walk every day as long as weather permits.

And while we always enjoy finding new places, I am doubling down on my search. To that end, we just enjoyed walking in Concord, a quick 20 minutes from the house, through rolling hills that pass grand homes, horse barns, pastures and colonial-era mansions, several displaying antique farm equipment on their front lawns.

We explored Estabrook Woods, a short distance from the Carlisle line, and not far from the historical North Bridge. Setting out with hiking shoes and wearing long pants, a map and our day packs, we

parked at the end of Estabrook Road in an area specifically designated for the trails.

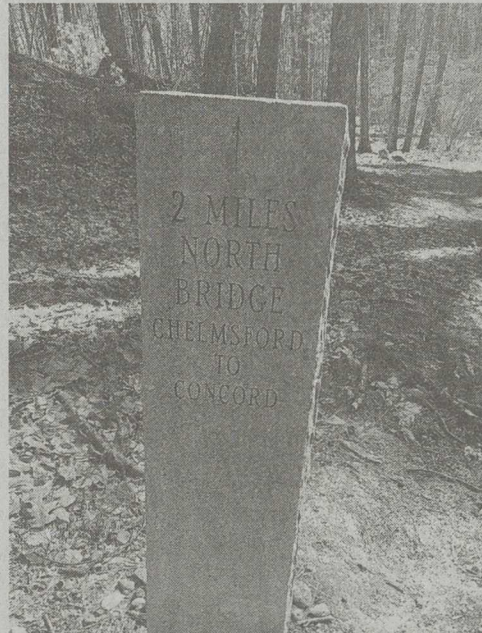
A pleasant walk on a right of way took us by horses in a pasture and picture-perfect stone walls. Estabrook Woods is part of the Town of Concord and was named after Thomas Estabrook who settled there in the 1680s.

According to historical sources, Estabrook Woods is where colonial minutemen marshalled on Punkasset Hill prior to what would be the shot heard 'round the world at the North Bridge on April 19, 1775. Thoreau also wrote 160 journal entries about "Esterbrooks Country" and poet Ellery Channing lived on this land; the two were friends and walking companions. John Thoreau, Henry David's father owned the saw mill whose remnants these trails pass by.

One of the features we passed was an old lime quarry which was used in colonial times as a source for lime. Remnants of a

kiln are nearby. A lime kiln would heat the stone to extract the lime from it. Several kilns are in the area including one in Chelmsford. According to the Town of Concord, evidence of this activity dates back to the 1690s.

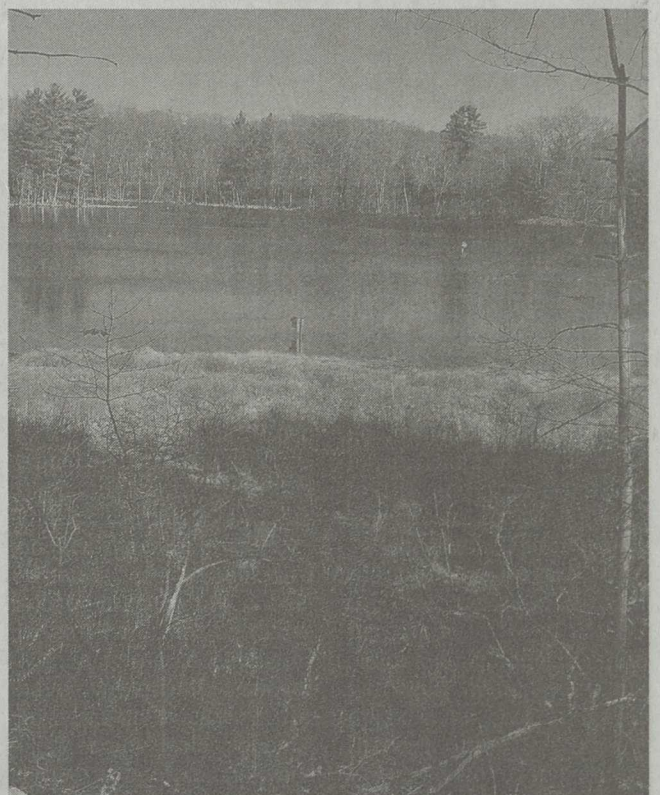
Trails are wide and well-trodden in most places, but there are not the customary blazes so bring a compass and print a map from concordma.gov or from Alltrails. There were several families and groups out walking, dogs are welcomed but must be on leash, and more than a few mountain bikers were out.



▲ One of the granite markers at Estabrook Woods in Concord.

(Paige Impink photos)

We encountered several vernal pools that were filled with loudly chirping spring peepers, a real delight. There are no restroom facilities so plan accordingly. Signage does alert visitors to ticks, so keep an eye as even in this cold-ish weather ticks can



▲ Mink Pond, one of several water features in Concord's Estabrook Woods. The area is teeming with wildlife such as beavers, birds and squirrels.

be active.

We observed several cars parked near the Hutchins Pond access point but found it easier to park on Estabrook Road. Hutchins Pond was created to harvest ice in the early 1900s and has a nice, 30 minute

loop around it.

So as your cabin fever sets in, give Estabrook Woods a try. You'll get your exercise, nature break, and trace some historical routes of our early colonial ancestors.



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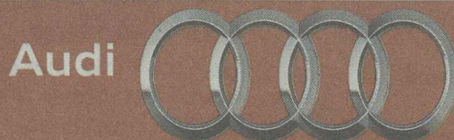


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